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BRITISH NAVAL INTERVENTION

Nazi Troops In Norway Now Unable To Get Reinforcements

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

WHILE MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN NORWAY AND OFF THE NORWEGIAN COASTS ARE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY, THE ATTENTION OF POLITICAL CIRCLES IS CENTRED ON SWEDEN.

It is considered probable that Germany will request Sweden to allow German troops to pass through the country and will try to force a decision in case of a Swedish refusal.

Late last night it was rumoured that Germany had already asked Stockholm to make clear its attitude in the present conflict, and Sweden replied she was maintaining the strictest neutrality.

The German demand would be a logical development of her aggression, as the only way for her to supply and reinforce the small garrisons landed in Norway would be to send troops from Denmark to Goeteborg, over the Oresund Straits and to use the Goeteborg-Oslo railway.

"Nerve War"

The German propaganda machine has been just as active as the Nazi armed forces, declare authoritative quarters, pointing to German allegations that almost all important cities in Norway were occupied in a few hours.

The propaganda campaign is apparently meant to impress neutrals, especially Sweden.

No Reinforcements!

The truth is that only a few thousand men were landed in Norway and, following the Allied intervention, reinforcements are unable to join them.

There is no doubt the German action had long been prepared, and several transport ships were off the landing points even before the Allies announced their intention to mine Norwegian waters.

Certain facts may also lead to the belief that at least part of the German troops landed in Norway came from Murmansk. — Havas.

The German Story

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Two divisions of the German army, complete with light artillery, were landed in Norway, foreign pressmen were told by the Propaganda Ministry yesterday.

An intimidation campaign is going on and Dr. Goebbels' subordinates are

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"NAVAL ACTION AT 3 POINTS"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

An air of secrecy surrounds repeated press reports of a major battle in the North Sea between the British and Nazi Fleets.

Unconfirmed reports state the battle, which is described as "deadly," is still going on at three points.

The Admiralty, however, refuses all information, but unofficially, responsible circles indicate that the Navy "must carry out its duties in the utmost secrecy." — Havas.

NORWEGIAN NAZIS CO-OPERATING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

All key posts in the new Norwegian "government" are held by Norwegian Nazis, says a report from Berlin. — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East Winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy with drizzle or mist, improving later.

RUSSIAN COUP FEARS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

While there are no indications so far regarding the Russian attitude to the latest developments, certain diplomatic observers are of opinion it would not be surprising if the Soviet, following their usual tactics, were to seize the strategic Aaland Islands, taking advantage of the troubled situation to gain an extraordinarily strong position giving them virtual control of the Baltic Sea. — Havas.

THE SOVIET SCOFFS

London, To-day.

Soviet Russia sees no reason for any military intervention in Scandinavia, according to Russian Embassy circles.

Reports that Russia would seize the opportunity to invade Finland were scoffed at. Russia will fight neither the German nor the Allied battles, and will take no notice of present events in Scandinavia unless Soviet Russia is involved.

They admitted Moscow is watching the situation closely. — Reuter.

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ALLIES "TAKE STEPS" TO IMPOSE FAR EAST BLOCKADE

London, To-day.

MR. RONALD CROSS, Minister for Economic Warfare, replying to Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal) in the Commons yesterday, said steps were being taken as rapidly as possible to prevent exports from the Netherlands East Indies to Vladivostok, from reaching Germany.

These exports had risen from 520,000 kilogrammes from January to August, 1939, to 10,661,000 kilogrammes from September to December, 1939.

It was not in the public interest to say what the steps were.

Replying to Mr. H. J. Parker (Labour), Mr. Cross said exports of tin and rubber from the Netherlands Indies to Asiatic Russia in the first four months of war were at least in part orders which had been diverted from European to Far Eastern ports. Mr. Cross added that before the outbreak of war, Asiatic Russia was not shown as the country of destination for tin and rubber in the Netherlands Indies trade returns.

In the first four months of war, 3,387 metric tons of rubber and 516 tons of tin were exported from the Netherlands Indies to Asiatic Russia.

During the same period no rubber was exported by the Netherlands Indies to European Russian ports, whereas for 1938, exports to European Russian ports amounted to 48,000 tons. — Reuter.

VOLUNTEER OFFERS

PARIS, TO-DAY.

NORWEGIAN AND DUTCH VOLUNTEERS WERE CALLING THROUGHOUT YESTERDAY AT THE NORWEGIAN LEGATION TO OFFER THEIR SERVICES TO FIGHT ON BEHALF OF NORWAY.

Names were taken and they were told to hold themselves in readiness.

In Stockholm yesterday the Norwegian Legation was besieged by Norwegians offering their services to fight for their country. Offers were also being received from nationals of other countries. — Reuter.

FRENCH DECREES

Paris, To-day.

President Lebrun yesterday signed a number of domestic decrees, including one to stabilise prices for three months and another controlling French exports to neutral countries.

Other decrees covered death penalties for treasonable activities against the Army or nation. — Reuter.

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GIANT JAPANESE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Tokyo, To-day.
THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT is contemplating the inauguration of two major economic policies, according to the Japanese press.

Aim of the first will be to strengthen and stabilise Japan's four-year materials mobilisation plan, with a view to facilitating her huge new national defence programme, which is planned to be so powerful that no other power will dare to menace Japan.

The second policy will embrace Japan, North China, Manchukuo and Inner Mongolia, with emphasis on the objective of an economic bloc which will be self-sufficient and self-supporting.

Large-scale expansion of industrial and agricultural productive capacity is envisaged in both the projected programmes, details of which are expected to be developed in a conference to be held shortly in Tokyo of experts nominated by the China Affairs Board and the Japanese Ministries of Finance, Commerce and Industry, Agriculture and Forestry, War and Navy.

The new domestic economic policy will centre about the existing materials mobilisation programme put into effect last year, which will be broadened to include the acquisition of a greater number of important materials, and will probably be extended to cover the 1944/45 financial year.

NATIONAL CONTROL

A much higher degree of national control will be required to operate the

policy, a draft of which is expected to be presented to the 76th Diet next Spring.

In addition to coal, iron, light metals, liquid fuel, soda, salt, ammonium sulphate, gold, pulp, machine-tools, rubber, wool and other articles already embraced by Japan's materials mobilisation programme, it is expected that the following essentials will be included in the revised plan: rice, wheat, miscellaneous grains, staple foodstuffs, special machine-tools, artificial rubber and synthetic gasoline.—Reuter.

1,000 NEW TRUCKS FOR GENERALISSIMO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
 Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned from Yunnanfu that the fleet of some 3,000 trucks operating on the highways of south-west China will soon be increased by 1,000 new trucks to be purchased with part of the \$20,000,000 U. S. loan to China.—Havas.

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SHANGHAI POLLING

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NERVOUSNESS FELT REGARDING THE RESULT

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
THE WAR NEWS FROM EUROPE THIS MORNING HAS NOT DONE MUCH TO DAMPEN THE NERVOUSNESS PREVAILING REGARDING THE COUNCIL ELECTIONS WHICH STARTED AT 10 A.M.

Voting booths, at the Administration building of the Council and in Hongkew, witnessed unprecedented crowds which gathered well before the opening of the polls.

On these votes, the results of which will be known to-morrow evening, the future administration of the International Settlement will depend, and all factions are interested in the outcome, fully realising the importance of these fateful days which will decide who will be master of this city.

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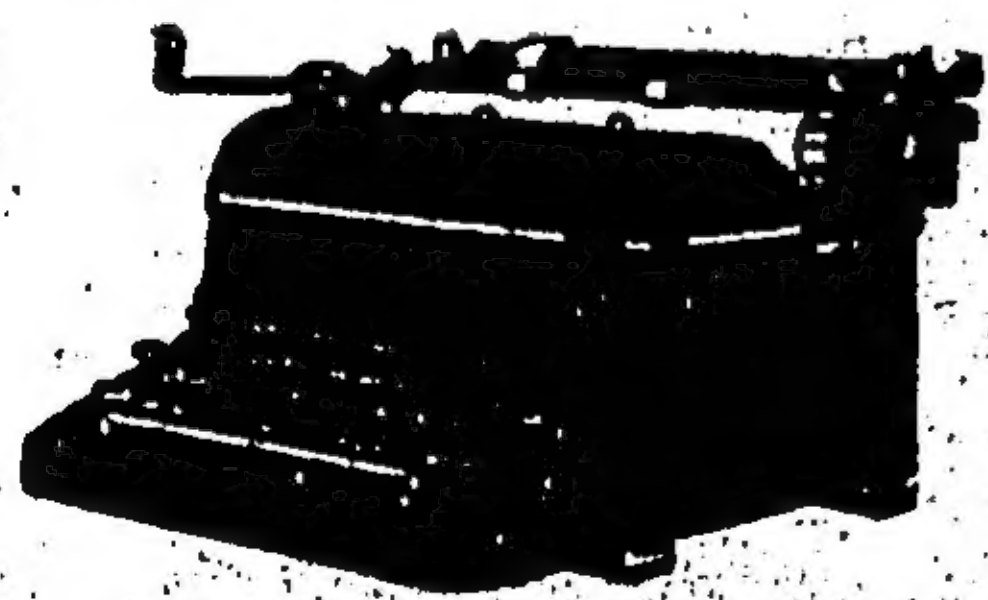
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SELENGA NOW IN SAIGON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hanoi, To-day.
It was officially announced here this morning that the Soviet steamers Selenga and Vladimir Mayakowsky, which were taken over by the French Navy from the British Navy outside Hong Kong, are being kept in Saigon harbour.—Havas.

THE NAVAL 'BATTLE'

—London, To-day.

Reuter's naval correspondent learns that no confirmation has been received in London of reports of a naval battle off the Norwegian coast, or that German warships have penetrated as far north as Trondheim or Narvik.

It is pointed out that in any case it is unlikely that British ships would report by radio that they are in Norwegian waters, by which they would betray their presence to the enemy.

Reports of German warships at Narvik are believed in many quarters to be German propaganda intended to undermine Norwegian morale.—Reuter.

EARLIER REPORTS

Paris, To-day.

A battle between the Allied and German Fleets is reported to have begun at several points off the western coast of Norway.

The action is proceeding in a heavy storm with rolling seas.

According to well-informed quarters here naval engagements occurred off Oslo, Bergen and Trondheim.

A German cruiser is reported to have been sunk in Oslo Fjord.—Reuter.

ITALY APPROVES NAZI STEP

Rome, To-day.

The official Stefani news agency says Italian public opinion, which condemned the Democratic powers' violation of Norwegian neutrality, regards the step taken by Germany as entirely legitimate.

"The blow which the Allies hoped to strike at Germany has come back against themselves."

"From the strategic aspect the German High Command is gaining first-class positions for the control of Scandinavia and domination of the North Sea."

Germany can now control the Scandinavian mines which will be assured her, while Britain will be cut off from them.

"Any Norwegian resistance will be merely formal, as was Norway's protest against the British and French aggression." — Reuter.

GUNS STILL THUNDERING

Stockholm, To-day.

It was reported last night that the guns of Oscarsborg Fortress, near the mouth of Oslo Fjord, which had been in action throughout the day, were still thundering against the invader.

According to the Norwegian Admiralty the Germans bombed Oslo east station three times without scoring a direct hit.

Several persons were injured when the airport at Kjellev, on the outskirts of Oslo, was attacked. — Reuter.

The booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to-day and to-morrow, and the results will be known to-morrow evening.

The newspapers and broadcasting stations this morning appealed for the last time to voters, and a very close race is expected.

RUSSIAN REGIMENT ON DUTY

Members of the Russian Regiment of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps are on duty outside the Council Administration building with fixed bayonets to prevent any untoward incident.

Since 8 o'clock this morning traffic policemen have been doing special duty to facilitate parking and driving.

The various election committees are assuring transportation in private cars to the voting booths for those residents who do not have means of conveyance.—Our Own Correspondent.

Vote: It Is Your Duty

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

"Vote!" is the slogan displayed in every foreign newspaper here this morning, when polling opens in the Municipal Council elections.

"Vote! It is your duty!" is printed under the signature of big foreign firms or associations.

"Harbin, Mukden and Tientsin will show you how to vote," says the "Novosti Dnia," a Russian newspaper.

Shanghai would not be living up to its reputation if there were not heavy betting on the result of the election. Books are being made everywhere, particularly in bars and clubs.

General betting is that the Japanese will not obtain five candidates and that the status quo will be maintained.—Havas.

SHANGHAI REACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

A sensation was caused by reports of the Nazi invasion of Denmark and Norway.

Sympathy towards the two countries was evidenced by a stream of telephone calls requesting information from the Danish and Norwegian consulates, as well as the news agencies.

The European issues are overshadowing even the vital Shanghai elections.

The market reacted strongly, the Chinese dollar giving evidence of weakness. — Havas.

LOYALTY TO CHIANG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

The Governors of Yunnan, Kwel-chow and Kwansei have telegraphed pledging loyalty to Chungking, and denouncing Wang Ching-wei. — Havas.

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Denial Of Order For General Mobilisation

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE REPORT THAT GENERAL MOBILISATION HAS BEEN ORDERED IN SWEDEN IS AUTHORITATIVELY STATED IN STOCKHOLM TO BE WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

In spite of this denial, Reuter learns in London that a state of readiness and preparedness exists in Sweden.

Swedish circles in London state Sweden's position is that she will resist any invasion but if no attempt is made to interfere with her sovereignty, Sweden will seek to maintain complete neutrality.

It is further stated in Swedish circles that no appeal has been received from Norway in present circumstances.

There is no mutual assistance pact between Norway and Sweden, and during the Russo-Finnish war Sweden

and Norway reached full understanding on the roles each would pursue in circumstances such as have arisen to-day.

In Stockholm yesterday morning, King Gustav presided at a special meeting of the Cabinet when the whole position was discussed.

CONSTERNATION

News of the German invasion of Denmark and Norway caused consternation in Stockholm, where crowds of people gathered outside post offices to withdraw their savings.—Reuter.

NO NEWS FROM STOCKHOLM

London, To-day.

Direct communication between the Scandinavian capitals and London is interrupted and little is known of the hour to hour developments of Germany's latest aggression upon weak and defenceless neighbours.

British official quarters are able to confirm that the Norwegian Government are established at Hamar, where the British Minister and his staff has joined them.

News messages allege that the British Minister at Copenhagen and his staff have been taken prisoner by the Nazis, who are said to be in complete control of Denmark.

In default of some communication from Mr. Howard Smith, this allegation must, for the present, be accepted as true.

Up to an advanced hour last evening, no communication had reached the British Government from the British Minister in Stockholm but according to radio reports the Swedish Government has ordered general mobilisation.

News messages refer to vigorous resistance by the Norwegians at several points.—British Wireless.

SWISS REACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Berne, To-day.

The whole of Switzerland has been deeply impressed by Germany's action in the North.

The population is confident Switzerland will be able efficiently to resist any foreign aggression, considering the remarkable condition, high standard and long preparation of the Swiss army.

Most newspapers appeal to the people unreservedly to support their Government under present circumstances when small States are constantly threatened.—Havas.

SMALL EARLY GAIN AT A PRICE

Sydney, To-day.

"This grim piece of realistic savagery will have hardened Australia's determination to see the war through," declared the Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, in a statement on the German invasion of Norway and Sweden.

Mr. Menzies added: "Viewing the picture as a whole it may turn out as in other instances that Germany has purchased a small immediate gain at the price of growing hardening antagonism throughout the civilised world."—Reuter.

SWEDISH PRECAUTION

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish radio has broadcast announcements cancelling all army leave and calling up the reservists.

King Gustav was present at a meeting of the Cabinet.

Special editions of all the afternoon papers were eagerly bought up yesterday.—Reuter.

SWEDEN'S REPLY TO NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish radio announces that the Swedish Government, asked by Germany to make clear her attitude, answered that they were preserving the strict neutrality they had observed from the beginning of the conflict but reserved freedom to take all measures they deem necessary for preserving their neutrality.—Havas.

FRENCH DENY RUMOUR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Official quarters categorically deny rumours that French interests in Norway have been entrusted to the United States.

The French Minister there is remaining on duty and followed the Government to Hamar.—Havas.

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AIM OF NAZI INVASION

London, To-day.

The latest German aggression is directed, in the opinion of observers in London to two objectives — the securing of sea and air bases in Southern Norway from which to menace British shipping and ports and an attempt to secure supplies from the Swedish iron mines.

On that assumption, observers are by no means persuaded that the action taken will accrue to Germany's advantage.

It is pointed out that German action in Norway must be conducted on a long and narrow front fully exposed to attack from the air and sea in an exceptionally difficult country and with long and easily intercepted lines of communication.

Again, while Germany may hope that her invasion of Denmark will temporarily relieve the German food shortage by securing the diversion to Germany of the butter, bacon and eggs formerly exported to Britain, Denmark's production of all these commodities depends fundamentally on imported feeding-stuffs.

In 1938, these included approximately 300,000 tons of maize, 360,000 tons of oil seed and 675,000 tons of oil cakes.

These will all be intercepted if Germany makes Denmark a vassal State. Britain, on the other hand, can obtain adequate supplies from elsewhere of the commodities hitherto imported from Denmark. — British Wireless.

OFFENSIVE IN HUPEH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese forces attacking Yingcheng have forced the Japanese to abandon their advanced positions outside the city.

The central section of the Hankow-Ichang highway is reported to be in Chinese hands. — Havas.

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NAZIS FIND A PUPPET

Berlin, To-day.

According to an Oslo telegram an appeal to the Norwegian public by the so-called new Norwegian government was read over the German-controlled Oslo wireless yesterday.

The speaker, Vidkun Quisling, who introduced himself as the head of the new government, after referring to Britain's "breach of Norwegian waters," declared the Norwegian Government had resigned and was replaced by a national coalition Government which assumed power to protect the interests of Norway.

Quisling appealed to all Norwegians to make a common effort to emerge from the present situation. — Reuter.

ALLIED AID TO NORWAY: PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

"THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT assert their invasion of Norway is a reprisal for the action of the Allies in Norwegian waters," stated Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons yesterday in the course of his statement on the latest developments.

Mr. Chamberlain added: "This statement will, of course, deceive nobody. (Cheers). So elaborate an operation, involving a simultaneous landing at a number of ports by troops accompanied by naval forces, requires planning long in advance.

"Information clearly indicates it was not only planned but already in operation before the mines were laid. 'The facts of the German occupation themselves prove what I have just said.

"It is reported that among others the Norwegian port of Trondheim has been invaded by Germany this morning. The distance from the nearest German port, Cuxhaven, to Trondheim is nearly 700 miles. Assuming the expedition started immediately after the announcement of mining operations, they could not yet have arrived.

"His Majesty's Government have at once assured the Norwegian Government that in view of the German invasion of their country the Government has decided forthwith to extend their full aid to Norway (Loud cheers), and intimated they will fight the war in full association with them.

NAVY AT SEA

"Powerful units of the Navy are at sea. It would not be in the public interest to give details as to any operations in which they are now engaged.

"We are facing this new menace to the independence of free peoples in closest collaboration with the French Government, whose forces are co-operating with ours.

"I have no doubt that this further rash and cruel act of aggression will redound to Germany's disadvantage and contribute to her ultimate defeat." (Cheers). — Reuter.

BRITAIN WARNED TO BE READY

London, To-day.

"We are entering a new phase of the war. Every man in the civil defence force has got to be ready."

This warning was uttered by Lord Harlech, north-east Regional Commissioner for Civil Defence, in a speech at Hull last night.

Lord Harlech said there were no people with whom Britons had more in common than the Scandinavians, who had now been treated with a most brutal, brutal and savage onslaught.

"The war has blown up," he concluded, "and who knows where it will turn next?" — Reuter.

FRANCE ASSURES NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Following an official conversation, an official communique was issued in Paris yesterday stating that at 11 a.m. the French Premier, M. Reynaud, had received the Norwegian Ambassador.

The Ambassador declared that Germany had just declared her intention of "protecting" Norway and Denmark.

The official communique states that this German excuse convinces no one, for an operation involving the simultaneous disembarkation of German troops at several Norwegian ports, escorted by Nazi warships, must have been prepared long in advance.

France congratulates Norway on the decision to resist Germany.

M. Reynaud told the Norwegian Ambassador that as Norway has been invaded by the Reich, France will wage war on Germany in the closest association with Norway. Naval and military measures would be taken in collaboration with Britain.

From London comes news that an identical note was released by the British Foreign Office. — Havas.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

— Mr. Chamberlain

London, To-day.

Replying to questions in the Commons yesterday, notably one by Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal), who raised the question of an immediate meeting of the League of Nations, Mr. Chamberlain said he was informed that German forces had landed at Bergen.

There had been remarks about a similar landing at Narvik, but it was doubtful whether these reports were correct because there was another place of similar name in south Norway. (Presumably referring to Larvik).

"As to the action of the Navy, I am sure the House will wish to reserve its judgment until we have further information and will not wish to criticise the Navy's action until they know the facts.

"No suggestion has yet been made about any meeting of the League.

"I think, generally, first things must come first. There are other actions that will be more effective than summoning the League."

In reply to a further request for a meeting of the League, Mr. Chamberlain said he certainly hoped all members of the League would fully recognise their obligations to the victims of aggression. — Reuter.

SPEEDY ASSISTANCE FOR NORWAY URGED

London, To-day.

MR. C. R. ATTLEE, LEADER of the Labour Opposition, following Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons yesterday, expressed "the feeling of all of us of sympathy with the people of Denmark and Norway — two of the most highly civilised nations of Europe — now attacked by the most barbarous.

"This invasion clearly was prepared a long time ahead and is another instance of utterly brutal aggression.

"I hope that the aid offered to Norway will be given in full (Loud cheers) and that it will be speedy and effective (Cheers). We must be in time to do all we can to prevent another free nation being brought under the Nazi yoke."

Sir Archibald Sinclair associated the Liberal Party with sympathy "for the victims of this fresh brutal attack and attempted domination by Germany.

"The British Government deserves the support of the whole country in the action stated by the Prime Minister (Cheers). We hope it will be prompt, swift and effective." — Reuter.

DANISH HUMILIATION

Tragic Air Of Bitterness In Copenhagen

German Army Completing The Occupation

MALMO, TO-DAY.

A TRAGIC AIR OF BITTERNESS AND HUMILIATION HUNG OVER COPENHAGEN AS THE INVADING GERMANS HURRIED ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF OCCUPYING THE CITY.

Few details have come across the water separating Malmo from Copenhagen, but it is known that three Danish soldiers were shot by the Germans during an incident in Copenhagen.

The German invading troops consisted of artillery, infantry, air force and marines.

One hundred and fifty Danish troops have crossed into Sweden; the major commanding them declares they hope to join the Swedish army.

Most of Copenhagen's citizens only learned of their country's plight when they read leaflets which German planes showered upon the city. Copenhagen was a centre of Nazi espionage even before the war and is full of Nazi agents. The Gestapo are reported to be already working and acting on the basis of lists of names compiled in advance.—Reuter.

LANDINGS OF TROOPS CONTINUE

Stockholm, To-day.

Fifty German military planes flew over Copenhagen dropping leaflets while the German troops occupied the Danish capital in the morning.

The leaflets, which were printed in Danish, announced that Germany had occupied Denmark and Norway and exhorted the population to show discipline and calm.

Many German warships of different categories have entered the roadstead and disembarked troops.—Reuter.

German Occupation Orders

London, To-day.

According to the Copenhagen radio the German troops in Denmark will use "reichskredit" certificates as legal tender instead of money.

The exchange rate will be fixed at one reichsmark for two kroner. German currency must not be accepted from German soldiers who have been instructed to pay for all purchases, though whenever "it is so dictated by military necessity" they are entitled to requisition goods against receipts.

It is stated the receipts will be honoured without delay.

Restrictions have been imposed on Danish purchases of petrol, food and other necessities, and traffic on a number of Danish railways is suspended until further notice.—Reuter.

Denmark's Position Vis-a-Vis The Allies

London, To-day.

In well-informed quarters in London it is felt that the position of Denmark may be considered as that of an enemy-occupied area similar to Czecho-Slovakia although the legal position caused by the German invasion will doubtless be made plain at a later date.

A statement is also likely to be made as regards the status of Iceland and the Faroe Islands which are linked with the Danish State.—Reuter.

HITLER EXPLAINS TO MUSSOLINI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The German Ambassador called on Signor Mussolini yesterday, probably to inform Il Duce of the developments in Scandinavia.

The Ambassador later conferred with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

In Moscow yesterday, the Nazi Ambassador had a long conference with the Soviet Foreign Commissar. While it is semi-officially indicated that the conversation was entirely devoted to the Scandinavian events, no indications whatsoever are available as to the stand of the two parties.—Havas.

WAVE OF INDIGNATION

London, To-day.

Reaction to the German invasion of the North in various countries continues to be received in London.

Madrid: Horror is expressed by Spaniards at the invasion of Denmark and Norway.

Zurich: A wave of indignation and horror swept Switzerland at the news of the invasion.

New Delhi: Dismay and indignation at the German action is expressed in Indian Nationalist circles.

Ankara: All Turkish circles strongly criticise the German action. They say the Nazis realised the tightening of the blockade would have a rapid and deadly effect on Germany; hence the leaders "under the satanic spirit have undertaken another mad and desperate adventure which indisputably will dig deeper their own graves." — Reuter.

ALL DANISH SHIPPING STOPPED

London, To-day.

A decree announced by the Danish radio station, now in German hands, states that all Danish ships, including fishingboats and other small craft, are forbidden to leave Danish ports.—Reuter.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN SEES KING

London, To-day.

The King received Mr. Neville Chamberlain at Buckingham Palace last night.—Reuter.

HOLLAND DEEPLY STIRRED

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Dutch Cabinet held a special meeting yesterday and although there is no official comment on the German aggression on Denmark and Norway there is no doubt that the Dutch people are deeply stirred by the news.

No leave is being granted to troops. Holland is reported to be confident that she cannot be overrun as Denmark was.—Reuter.

'OUR SOLE DESIRE IS FOR PEACE'

London, To-day.

According to the Copenhagen radio (in German hands) Dr. Stauning, the Danish Prime Minister, speaking in the Riksdag (Parliament) last evening, said the country had received the news of the day's events with grave sorrow.

"We have been pursuing a policy aiming at keeping out of serious entanglements, but last night we learned that the Danish-German frontier had been crossed by German forces.

"German bombers flew over our capital, and the Government had to accept German demands for the admission of German troops into Denmark. GERMAN 'ASSURANCE'

"Germany has assured us she has no intention of violating Denmark's independence and territorial integrity.

"Our purpose for our country and people was to save them from the disastrous consequences of war."

Dr. Stauning deplored the "death of those good sons of Denmark who lost their lives in the early hours of this day," and added: "Our sole desire is for peace."

Dr. Stauning announced that negotiations were progressing for the reconstruction of the Government on a broader basis.—Reuter.

H.K. RUMOUR DENIED BY DANISH CONSULATE

Rumours in the city to-day that the local Danish Consulate has temporarily suspended business awaiting instructions from Denmark were refuted by an official spokesman of the Consulate this morning.

The spokesman said that the Consulate will remain open for business and that no instructions to the contrary were received from the Danish Government.

CASUALTIES FROM JAP. AIR RAID ARRIVE IN KOWLOON

Casualties from Sha Ng Chung were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday. They received wounds during a raid by a Japanese plane on April 8, when Sha Ng Chung was bombed and people in the township were machine-gunned.

The victims were Lam Wah-sang and Li Foo, of Watchow, Chung Shu-hong, of Hong Kong and Li Mo, of Hong Kong.

GERMAN BROADCAST TO DANES

Berlin, To-day.

The German wireless states that General Kaupitsch, commanding the German forces in Denmark, broadcasting to the Danish people, declared the German forces would take good care that not a single Englishman showed himself in Norway and Denmark during the war.

After asserting Mr. Churchill was "the greatest war-monger of the century" and had prepared a blow against the Norwegian coasts, he declared the Danish and Norwegian Governments were neither willing nor able to offer effective resistance to "British invasion."

General Kaupitsch stated the German Command had established contact with the Danish Government and intends to reach an agreement with it which will maintain the Danish people's freedom and the future independence of the country.

The remainder of the proclamation follows the lines of that addressed to Norway by General Falkenhorst, commanding the German forces there.—Reuter.

A DANISH REMINDER

Washington, To-day.

Danish official circles here point out that only a year ago Germany concluded an anti-war agreement with Denmark. They do not feel that the occupation of their country has benefited Germany strategically.

The Norwegian Minister expresses surprise at the turn of events, pointing out that Norway has been trying to uphold her neutrality and live in peace. Norway, he says, wanted nothing from anyone.—Reuter.

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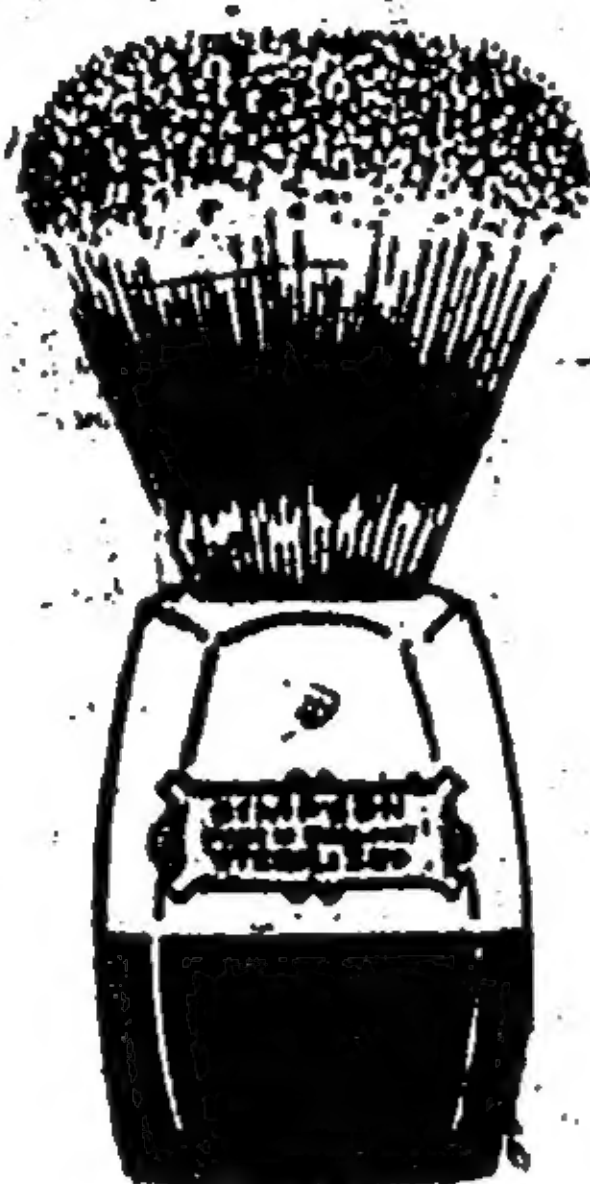
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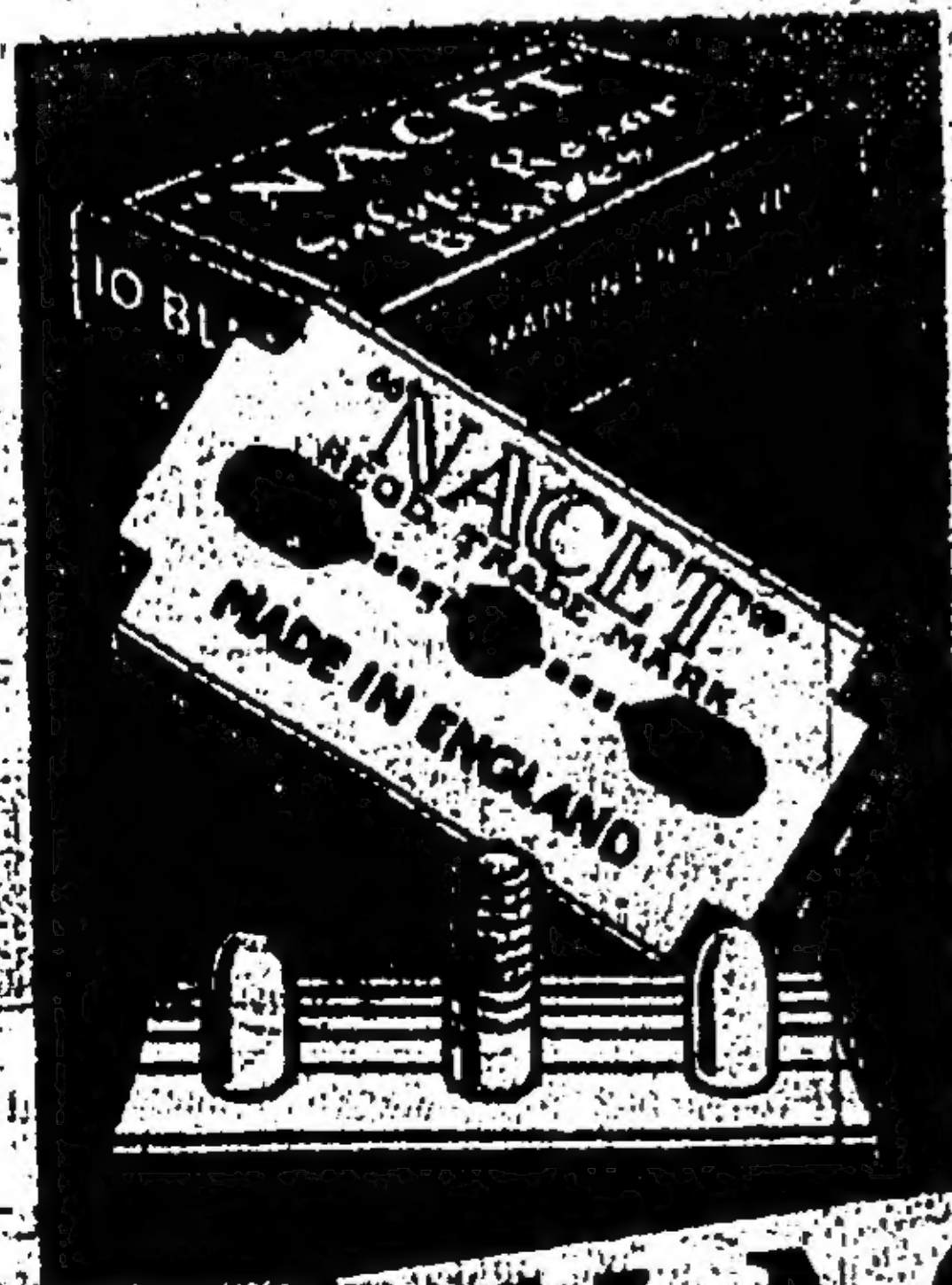
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ALLIED SUPREME WAR COUNCIL MEETS

London, To-day.

THE SUPREME WAR COUNCIL of the Allies met in London yesterday afternoon to consider the situation resulting from the German invasion of Norway and Denmark.

The following communique was issued from 10 Downing Street last night: "The seventh meeting of the Supreme War Council was held in London this afternoon.

"Great Britain was represented by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Lord Halifax (Foreign Secretary), Mr. Winston Churchill (First Lord of the Admiralty), Mr. Oliver Stanley (War Minister) and Sir Samuel Hoare (Air Minister), who were accompanied by Sir Alexander Cadogan (Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office), Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newell (Chief of Air Staff), Admiral Sir Dudley Pound (Chief of Naval Staff) and General Sir Edmund Ironside (Chief of the Imperial General Staff).

"France was represented by M. Paul Reynaud (Premier) and M. Edouard Daladier (War Minister), accompanied by M. Corbin (Ambassador in London), Admiral Darlan (navy chief), and General Koeltz.

"The Council met to consider the situation resulting from the German invasion of Norway and Denmark.

"The representatives of the two countries reviewed the whole position and decided in full agreement upon the various measures, military and diplomatic, to be taken to meet this latest act of German aggression." — Reuter.

"EUROPA" SINKING REPORTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A brief message received here, hitherto unconfirmed, reports that the 51,000-ton German liner "Europa," once holder of the Blue Riband for the Atlantic crossing, has been sunk by a British submarine while carrying German troops for the operations against Norway.

The report states that the liner had over 3,000 troops aboard. — Havas.

BERLIN EXCITED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Kaunas, To-day.

Reports from Berlin state the population of the German capital shows the greatest excitement, with groups in the streets discussing the latest developments.

All telegraph and telephone communications were interrupted until 11 o'clock.

All Norwegian and Danish newspapermen have left Berlin.

In a declaration to the press, Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, said the Reich is "preserving the integrity" of the two countries, which were occupied "in order to preserve them from destruction." — Havas.

BELGIUM PERTURBED

Brussels, To-day.

The situation in northern Europe is being watched very closely, and is undoubtedly regarded as grave here. — Reuter.

HOLLAND, BELGIUM NEXT?

London, To-day.

It is being suggested in German quarters, says an official statement issued in London, that Great Britain is contemplating the invasion of Holland and Belgium and that Germany would be justified in forestalling such action.

After the wanton invasion of Denmark and Norway by Germany the immediate conclusion at which most people would be tempted to arrive is that, as usual, Germany is preparing the ground for a fresh assault upon some other neutral country.

Any suggestion that Great Britain or France are contemplating an attack on Holland or Belgium is so fantastic that nobody outside Germany could for a moment be deceived by it. — Reuter.

Feverish Activity In Belgium

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Feverish activity is taking place in official circles as the situation is considered ripe for the most unexpected possibilities.

The Premier, M. Pierlot, yesterday conferred with General Denis, National Defence Minister, and M. Paul Spaak, the Foreign Minister. — Havas.

BALKAN CONFERENCE POSTPONED

London, To-day.

Owing to the developments in the international situation the conference between British Ministers from the Balkans and the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, which was to have been held yesterday, was postponed. — Reuter.

British Planes In Action Over Norway

NAZIS ANNOUNCE CAPTURE OF OSLO

FORTS IN HEAVY ACTIONS

Oslo, To-day.

An Admiralty communique says that German warships during Monday night forced their way past the fortress in the outer part of Oslo Fjord after being engaged by coastal batteries.

At 4.30 a violent engagement was reported between warships and the Oscarborg Fortress.

One cruiser forced its way past the fortress but ran aground later. Other warships shelled Horten.

It is believed the Germans have occupied Trondheim. Bergen is occupied.

One warship has also arrived at Narvik, probably after an engagement with Norwegian ships, and a comparatively small detachment has been landed.

It is reported from Christiansand that German warships attacked the fortress there. No details of this attack are available but it is known that Christiansand has been attacked by planes.

Troops were also landed at Egersand. — Reuter.

COMPLETE OBSCURITY

London, To-day.

There is still complete obscurity about the situation in Norway. The Germans apparently hoped the Norwegians would give up the struggle without resistance, as Denmark has done, and, indeed, German circles still claim that negotiations are continuing with the Norwegians with this aim in view. In actual fact, by all reports, these hopes have been disappointed. — Reuter.

STRATEGIC PROBLEM OF EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

London, To-day.

NORWAY'S SHELTERED FJORDS are likely to play an important part in the war if and when an expeditionary force arrives from Britain, writes Reuter's military correspondent.

A combined operation in which the army, navy and air force are engaged is the most difficult of all military manoeuvres.

Staff work is necessarily very intricate; weather conditions play a great part in the success or failure of the operation, especially at the landing, and depends on sheltered facilities.

The Norwegian fjords provide ideal protection.

No landing of a British force north of Bergen would appear probable because of the difficulties of communications and the distance from Oslo,

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.
LATEST REPORTS RECEIVED FROM NORWAY STATE THAT NARVIK, TRONDHEIM AND BERGEN HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED BY THE GERMANS BUT THAT THE NORWEGIANS ARE STILL HOLDING OUT ALONG THE OSLO FJORD.

The Oslo wireless announced yesterday afternoon that the chief of police in Oslo had received orders from the German Command that all evacuation of the city must cease and all those who had already left the capital must return and resume work.

A communique issued in Berlin states: "Operations for the occupation of Denmark and the Norwegian coast were carried out according to plan on April 9.

"During the march into Denmark and the landing in that country there were no incidents.

"On the coast of Norway there was opposition worth mentioning only by Oslo. This was overcome during the afternoon and Oslo was occupied."

The official Nazi wireless claims that at 6.45 p.m. all of Denmark was occupied with the exception of a very small part.

The Nazi wireless also announced that German planes have landed at air bases in southern Norway.—Reuter.

Oslo Fall Admitted

Stockholm, To-day.

The Norwegian news agency announces that German troops reached the outskirts of Oslo at 3 p.m. Strategic points in the city are now occupied.

German planes flew over Oslo throughout the day and the Norwegian anti-aircraft defence reacted. Apparently no bombs were dropped.

A German plane and one or two Norwegian planes were brought down.—Reuter.

British Planes In Air Battle

Stockholm, To-day.

British planes are reported to have been engaged in an air battle over Moss, on the eastern shore of Oslo Fjord.

The Norwegians are reported to

be still resisting in several places but the immediate vicinity of Oslo is quiet.

Germany is reported to have laid mines from Lindesnes, on the southern tip of Norway, to Skagen, thus closing the Skagerrak.

It is reported from Gothenburg that German minelayers were busy all day in the Skagerrak.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

All the foreign diplomats have followed the Norwegian government to the new capital of Hamar, in the interior of the country.—Reuter.

CAUTION RECOMMENDED

Paris, To-day.

A warning has been issued here against accepting reports of German successes in Norway which are regarded as an attempt to terrorise neutrals.—Reuter.

Puppet Government

Gothenburg, To-day.

The Oslo radio, which is now presumably under Nazi control, has announced the formation of a so-called new national government.

The ministers are professors, none of whom is in any way in-

NORWAY NOT GIVING UP

London, To-day.

It is officially confirmed in London that the Norwegian Government is now at Hamar and that the British Minister and his staff are with them.

The Foreign Office has re-established communication with the Legation and have received news that the Norwegian Government are in good heart and set on resistance.

It is presumed in London that the British Minister and his staff at Copenhagen have been made prisoners by the Germans.

This is a grave breach of international custom if not of international law. It is possible that the Legation staff may be released later.—Reuter.

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GERMAN CLAIMS

Berlin, To-day.

The Nazis are quickly occupying bases in Norway, according to the German High Command, which also claims that German troops have been landed in southern Norway by aeroplane.—Reuter.

German Propaganda

-(SPECIAL TO "CHINA-MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

It is stated that rumours of the occupation of northern Norwegian ports are due only to German propaganda aimed at terrorising neutrals.

Battles are raging off several fjords and at least one German cruiser has been sunk.—Havas.

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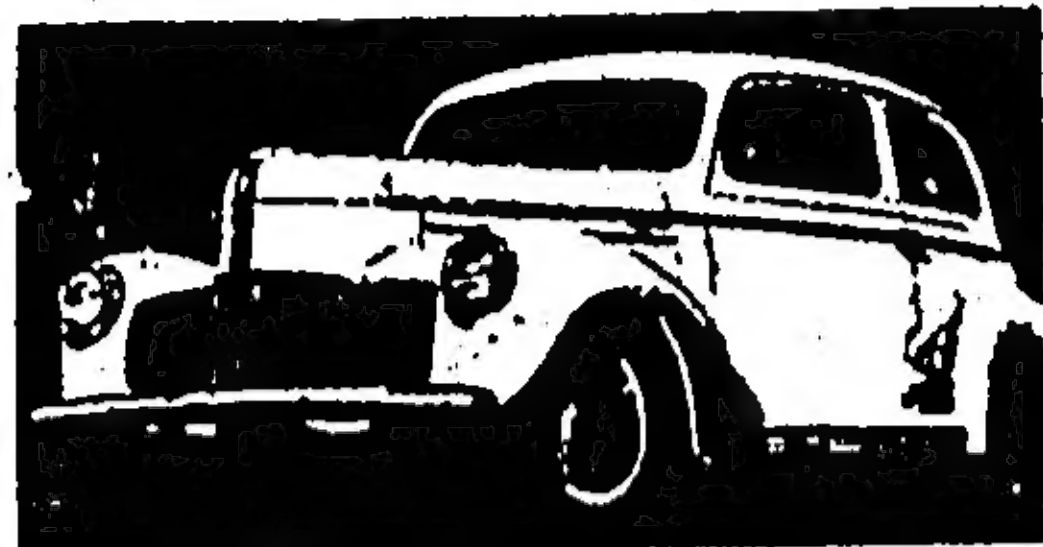
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PUPPETS STRINGING ALONG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Peiping, To-day.

With the support of the Intelligence Department of the Japanese army, local Chinese newspapermen have organised an anti-Comintern propaganda tour.

Two groups, each consisting of 12 members, will tour Hopel, Shansi, Honan and Shantung, delivering speeches and lecturing on the Red danger and the necessity for national reconstruction.—Havas.

FACTORY MANAGER HEAVILY FINED

The manager of the Ying Yuen Paper Company was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for allowing 55 women to be working at 11.50 p.m. on March 26, and with employing 10 children.

Mr. D. W. Phillips said he visited No. 9 Sai On Lane on March 26, and found the women sorting out old newspapers.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty through a representative, was fined \$100 on each summons.

GERMAN BATTLESHIP REPORTED SUNK

London, To-day.

According to reports received from Oslo during Monday night, a German battle-cruiser, believed to be the Gneisenau, 26,000 tons, was sunk by Norwegian coastal batteries when she attempted to enter Oslo Fjord.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has decreased in intensity and now extends from the Lower Yangtse Valley to the Pacific east of the Bonins. The depression is situated to the north-east of Hokkaido.

MUTUAL 'GUARANTEE'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Tientsin, To-day.

A local Japanese newspaper reports that the authorities here are organising in the Native City a mutual guarantee system for curbing anti-Japanese activities.

The system will be completed by the end of the month.—Havas.

500,000 CHINESE TROOPS SENT TO WAR ZONE

Shanghai, To-day.

Five hundred thousand well trained and well equipped Chinese troops and several mechanised units have been sent to the fronts, says a Chungking military communique published in the "Sin Wan Pao."

The units have been sent to the Hunan-Kwangsi and Hunan-Kweichow areas, where the Chinese are expected to launch a counter-offensive, the report states.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TURNING TO THE FARMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese farming population increased by nearly 50 per cent. in 1939, according to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Aggregate value of production reached 644 million yen, a gain being registered by silk cocoons. Wheat and rice both showed increased production and higher prices.—Havas.

TALK OF CHINA TARIFF REVISIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Peiping, To-day.

The North China section of the Japanese Trade and Industry Association is holding a conference early in May to discuss tariff revision problems following the request of the North China authorities who asked various trade bodies to state their views on the subject.—Havas.

Bringing Up Father

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ACTION OF ALLIES

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.
AN EDITORIAL ON THE ALLIED MINING IN NORWEGIAN WATERS IN THE "HERALD-TRIBUNE" SAYS: "IT IS TRUE THAT INTERNATIONAL LAW ALLOWS ONE BELLIGERENT TO RETALIATE FOR ILLEGAL ACTS OF ANOTHER AND TO LEGALLY COMMIT ACTS THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE ILLEGAL."

"The present move had its counterpart in 1918. The present situation is a continuation of the reprisal for reprisal system in which even the United States participated after our entry into the World War."

"Since the entire matter is but weakly covered by international law, our advice to Americans is not to get unduly worried about it from the legal angle."

The "Daily News" publishes a map of Scandinavia headlined "Now the British lion is really roaring." — Reuter.

ASIATIC SITUATION

New York, To-day.
An editorial in the "Herald-Tribune" on tangled Asiatic sympathies, refers to the identity of the American and British people's attitudes to China, Japan and Russia.

The paper notes that the House of Commons controversy has drawn from the Chamberlain Government "a pretty satisfactory promise that British moral support of China's resistance towards Japan is not going to be compromised by efforts to win Japanese approval for checks on Russian commerce in the Pacific, which serves the Red and Nazi war machines." — Reuter.

WASHINGTON ALERT

Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt and the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, hurriedly returned to their offices yesterday to direct the nation's foreign policy.

In the Department of State, telegraph keys were clicking all day long, bringing in the latest news from northern Europe. — Reuter.

ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.
Artillery fire was heavy on the Western Front for the 24 hours ending yesterday afternoon, while there was also firing along the Rhine. Both sides carried out long-distance reconnaissance flights. — Reuter.

Paris, To-day.
Last night's French war communiqué said it was a quiet day generally on the front from the Moselle to the Rhine.

There was some infantry fire along the Rhine in Upper Alsace. — Reuter.

FRENCH SECRET SESSION POSTPONED

Paris, To-day.
The secret session of the French Senate, originally scheduled for yesterday, was postponed to this afternoon. — Reuter.

GERMAN ENVOY SEES M. MOLOTOV

Berlin, To-day.
According to a Moscow message the German Ambassador there had a long conversation with M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, yesterday. — Reuter.

U.S. ATTITUDE

New York, To-day.
The "Herald Tribune" in an editorial speculates on the meaning of early despatches from Scandinavia, and expresses the conviction that Americans will not regard Britain as the aggressor. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI ELECTION LATEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Shanghai, To-day.

Long regarded as pro-Japanese, Russian emigres are generally expected to vote en masse for the Anglo-Saxon block in the Municipal elections.

For the past years the majority of Russian emigres have considered Shanghai as "the last stronghold of Democracy for Russians in China."

Most of the refugees come from Harbin, Tientsin or Mukden, where they experienced the gradual Japanese encroachment on all sources of livelihood of Russian refugees.

Nevertheless a large number of Russians resent the action of the Council, mainly because the 25,000 strong Russian colony, the biggest in Shanghai, is practically unrepresented on the Council committees. — Havas.

VICTORY FOR STATUS QUO EXPECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Shanghai, To-day.

It is generally anticipated that the elections for the Shanghai Municipal Council will result in retention of the status quo.

Members of the Anglo-American election committees predict a solid "Anglo-Saxon" block of more than 4,000 votes. The Japanese are expected to muster a maximum 3,400 votes. — Havas.

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FALL IN STERLING NOT REGARDED AS SIGN OF WEAKNESS

London, To-day.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION in the Commons yesterday about the recent trend of Sterling, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, declared the recent fall in the unofficial rate for Sterling on foreign markets was in no way a sign of British financial weakness or difficulties.

It was a natural result of the recent regulations providing that exports of tin, rubber and certain other commodities must be paid for in foreign currencies or in Sterling obtained from authorised dealers.

The fall in the quotation was incidentally the result of the tightening of the exchange control.

The fall was limited to a very small proportion of Sterling, namely, that held by such foreigners as choose to dispose of it to another foreigner at the rate current on foreign markets.

The proportion of transactions outside the official market is much smaller still if allowance is made for the fact that a very great proportion of our purchases are made from Sterling and franc-using areas and do not involve the intervention of foreign currencies at all.

ing became a very thin market and a thin market was always erratic and fluctuating.

Sir John Simon added: "If our general policy is sound, as I am convinced it is, we must not be deflected from it by secondary consideration. By far the greater part of sterling transactions are carried through at the official rate. I am satisfied that the proportion of transactions carried through outside the official market is very small. I think it would be a wrong policy altogether to intervene in support of sterling in the free market.—British Wireless.

SUGGESTION NOT ACCEPTED

Dealing with the suggestion that Britain should block Sterling assets belonging to foreigners, Sir John said on a balanced review of all the consideration involved we choose not to put an embargo upon foreign money or securities held in Britain, exposing ourselves thereby to the risk that some foreign holders would use their freedom to dispose of their Sterling assets. That had not happened to any substantial extent.

"Sterling is good to hold and I believe this opinion is spreading in neutral countries." — Reuter.

FALL VERY LIMITED

Sterling, said Sir John, was the basic currency of vast areas in many parts of the world and the problem of control was thereby rendered both more important and more difficult.

This fall was limited to a very small proportion of sterling, namely, that held by such foreigners as chose to dispose of it to another foreigner at the rate current on foreign markets. Our policy was to maintain the purchasing power of sterling for the nation's needs and we had arranged that the vast bulk of transactions between sterling and other currencies should be conducted in London through our control and at our official rates.

That might have the incidental result that any outside market for ster-

THE STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange remained steady yesterday despite the Northern European developments.

Initially prices were lowered as a precaution but a partial recovery subsequently took place and final quotations were mostly only slightly below the previous day's close.

Scandinavian issues were nominal but no selling pressure was visible.

Extension of the hostilities acted as bullish influence on the commodity markets. Tin, rubber and cotton were all very firm on general buying. Wall Street was irregular and subsequently higher.—Reuter.

U-BOAT PRISONERS

London, To-day.

There are now 228 U-boat prisoners of war in Great Britain, comprising 25 officers, 80 petty officers and 121 ratings. — Reuter.

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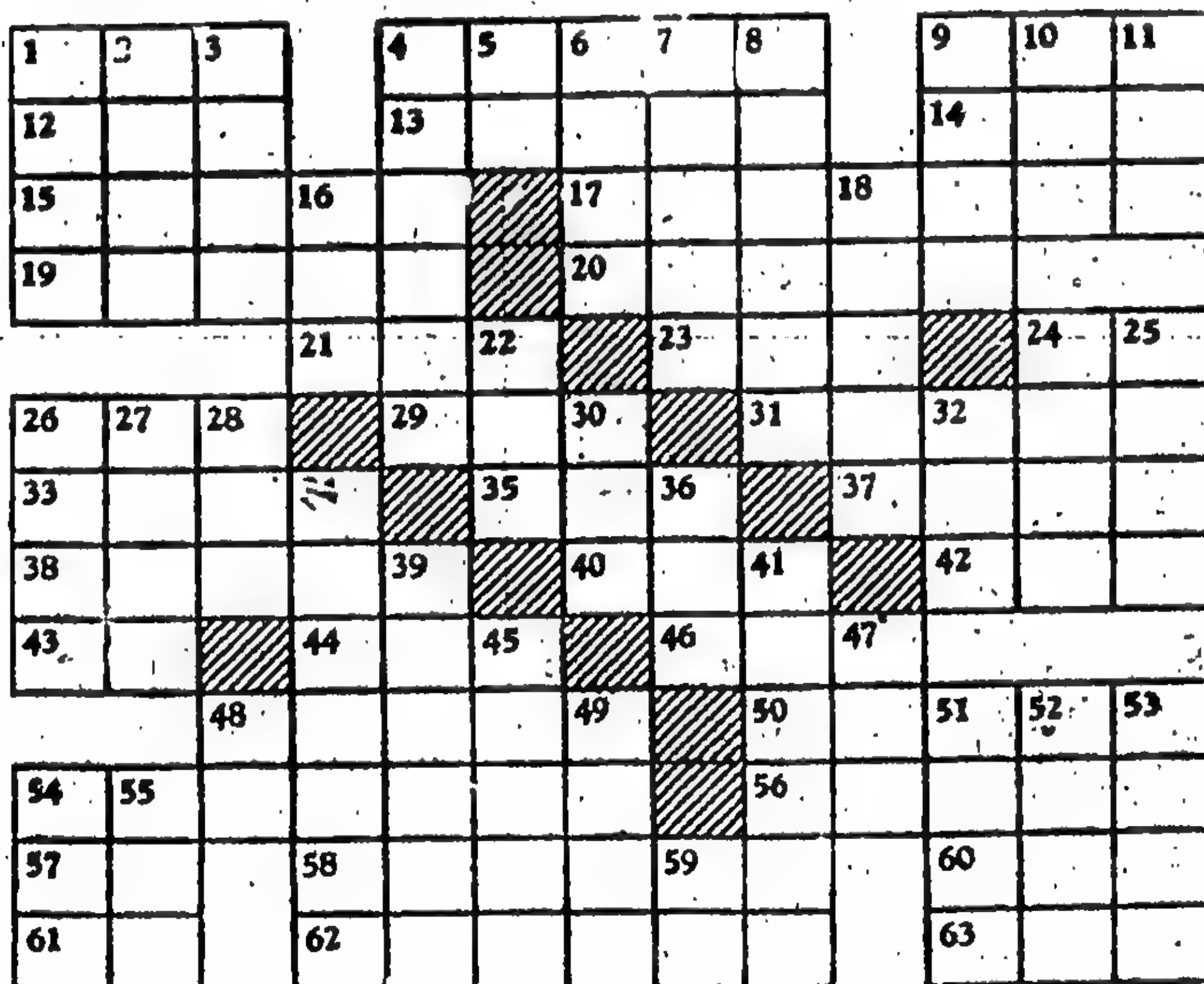
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of Moab
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- 21 Article
- 23 Fish
- 24 Exclamation
- 26 Reflux
- 29 Completely
- 31 To sharpen
- 33 Fees
- 35 Object
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spore-cases
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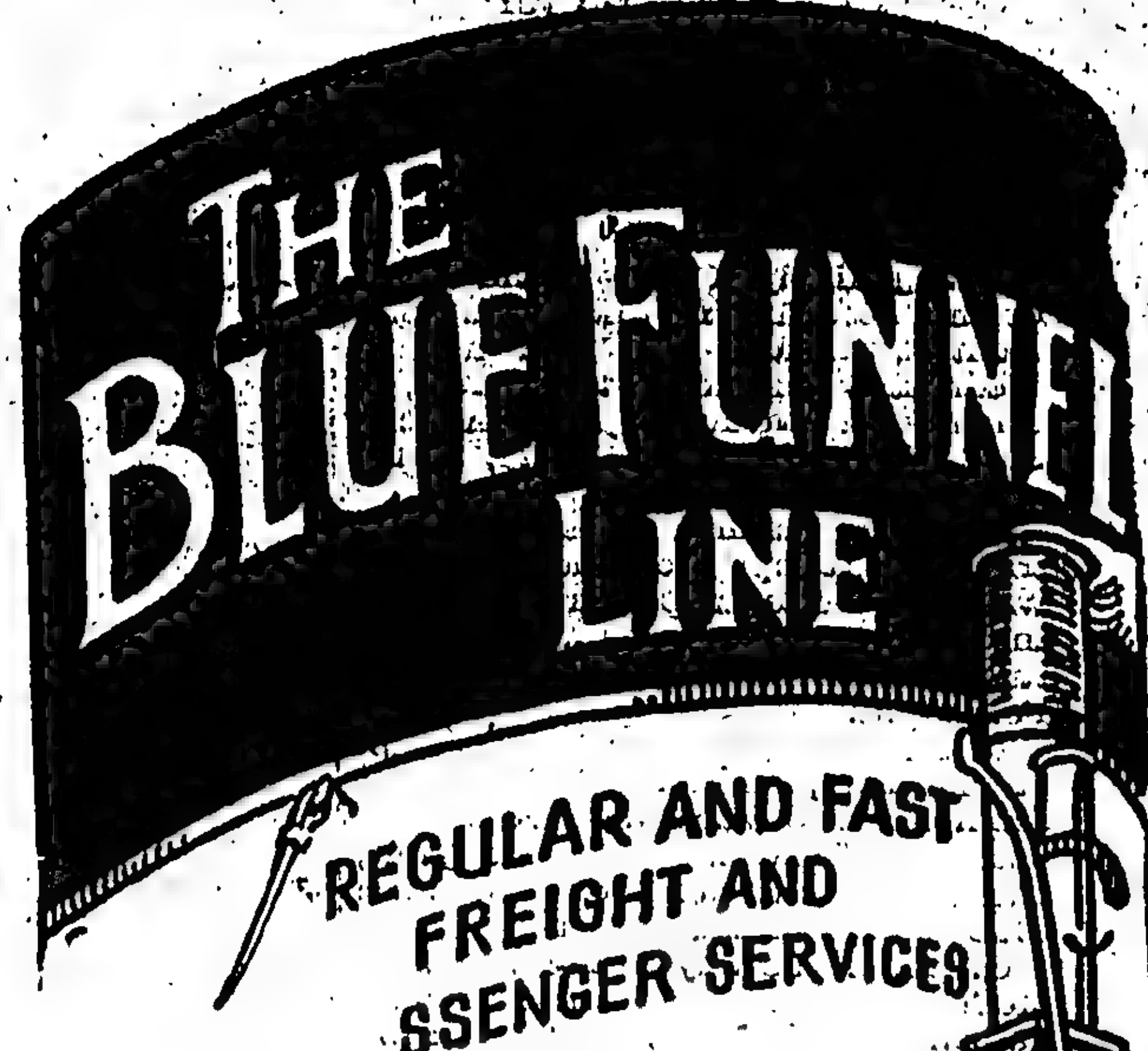
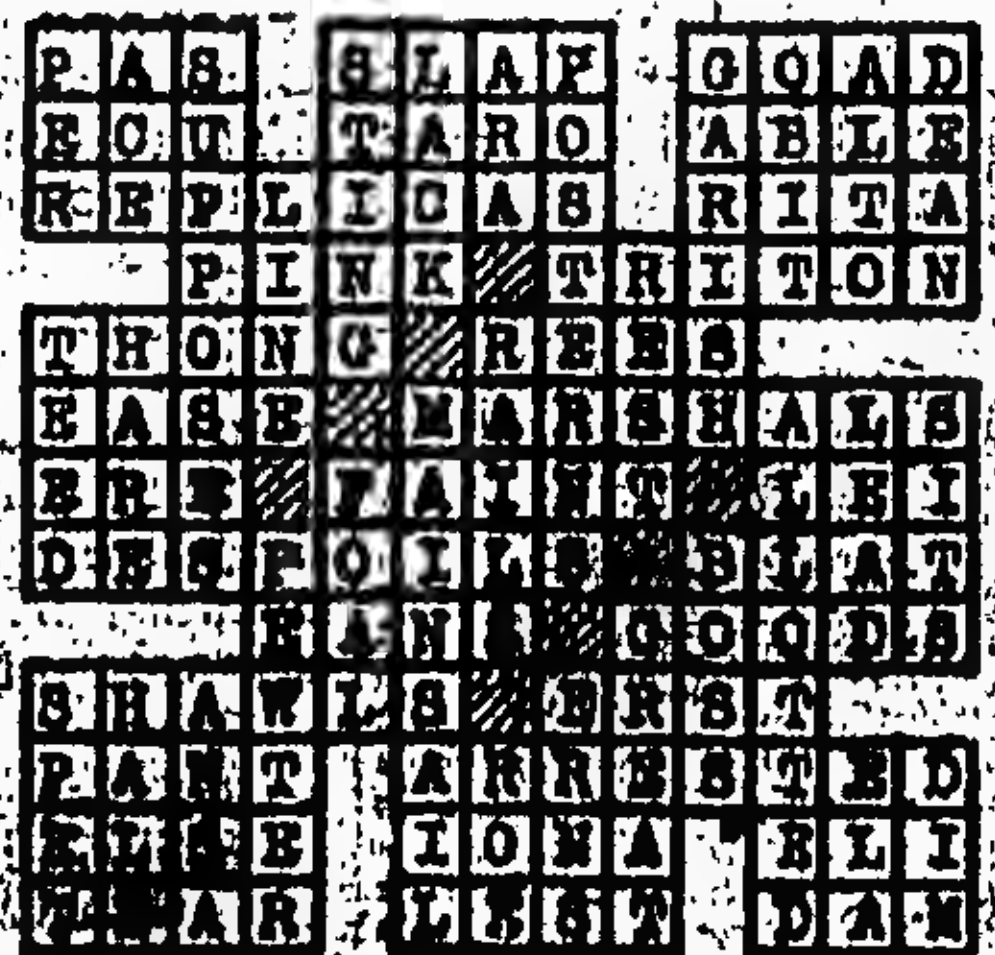
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- 1 Part of lock
- 2 Elliptical
- 3 Donated
- 4 Girl's name
- 5 Over
- 6 The body
- 7 Eaten away
- 8 Declares
- 9 Blonde

- 10 Music: high
- 11 To: knot
- 16 Cereal grass
- 18 Zones
- 22 Guido's high
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- 24 Wind-
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- 25 Sacred bull
- 26 Icelandic
literature
- 27 To consume
- 28 Insect
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- 32 Red deer
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to sea
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SHANGHAI SQUASH TITLE

Shanghai, April 1. — David Green of the Foreign "Y" and Jack Pote-Hunt of the Race Club will meet on Wednesday instead of to-morrow, as originally scheduled, for the city Senior Squash Championship, at the Rowing Club.

Green is making his second consecutive attempt for the title, and with the ace lmca player playing at the top of his form now, he is the raging favourite to get the better of Pote-Hunt.

It is also Pote-Hunt's first attempt at the championship. Former junior champion two years ago, Pote-Hunt has made rapid strides in the game, and has played No. 2 on the Race Club lineup all this season.

Green, on his way to the final beat McCutcheon in the first round, Fabian in the second and then Bobbie Wade, defending champion, in the semi-final.

Pote-Hunt, meanwhile, advanced at the expense of Snow, Berglof and finally Powell. — "China Press."

FIRST EARLY CLOSING ACT CASE

The first summons under the Eight-O'Clock Closing Ordinance was opened before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, when Cheung Tsze-siu, and Man Wing, employees of the Kwong Tai Confectionery shop, No. 94, Des Vouex Road Central, were summoned for failing to close. It was stated that they were serving customers at 9.05 p.m. on April 1.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ pleaded not guilty on behalf of both defendants. The case was adjourned until April 16, at 12 noon.

Sergeant Jessop is in charge of the case.

FERRY AS A DOSSHOUSE

Thirteen Chinese were charged with breach of the Star Ferry Company's bye-laws before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Det.-Sgt. Nolan told the Magistrate that he visited a ferry and found them sleeping on board at 1 a.m. yesterday. The ferry was lying at a Kowloon Godown wharf. All were unemployed and of no fixed abode, apparently using the ferry as their sleeping quarters.

Five were bound over and eight, who had previous convictions, were fined from \$1 to \$10 or seven days' to two months' hard labour.

All were ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1485 sa.
Bank of East Asia \$73 b., \$74 sa.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$495 sa.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$171 b., \$174 s., \$171 sa.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. and K. Wharves \$100 sa.
H.K. Docks cum Rts. \$22½ b., \$22 s.
H.K. Docks Ex. Rts. \$19¼ b., \$19½ s.
H.K. Docks Rights \$6.65 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. and S. Hotels \$5 b., \$5.05/5.— sa.
H.K. Lands \$36¼ sa.

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H.K. Tramways \$17.85 b., \$17.90 s., \$17¼ sa.
H.K. Electrics \$66 s., \$65½/65¼ sa.
Telephones (Old) \$29 s.
Telephones (New) \$10.95 s.

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Dairy Farms \$21.35 sa.
Watsons \$9.22½/9¼ sa.
Sinceres \$2 b.
Wing On (H.K.) \$30 b., X.D.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$1 b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6.80 b.

LAST DAY'S SALES

30 H.K. Banks @ \$1485
2 Unions @ \$500
20 Fires @ \$171
100 Wharves @ \$100.20
100 Wharves @ \$100
50 Bank of East Asia @ \$74
233 Dairy Farms @ \$21.35
700 Trams @ \$17¼
100 Electrics @ \$65½
100 Electrics @ \$65¼
50 Lands @ \$36¼
500 Hotels @ \$5.05
500 Hotels \$5
500 Watsons @ \$9.22½

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Antamoks Ps. .12 sa.
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Benguet Consol. Ps. 5.35 b.
Big Wedge Ps. .18½ sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .10 sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. .003 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .08½ b.
East Mindanao Ps. .10 sa.
I.X. L. Ps. .33 sa.
Ipo Gold Ps. .09¼ b.
Itogons Ps. .21½ sa.
Masbates Ps. .09½ sa.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .09 b.
Mine Operation Ps. .08½ sa.
North Camarines Ps. .05 b.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .17½ b.
San Mauricio Ps. .65 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .20 sa.
Suyoc Consol Ps. .20 sa.
Syndicate Inv. Ps. .017 b.
United Paracales Ps. .25 sa.



The confirmed optimist is he who thinks life will roll merrily along without his shoving it over the rough spots.

BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY

London, To-day.

The German invasion of Denmark will make a very considerable alteration to Britain's food supplies, but it will not for the time being affect her rations, Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, said yesterday.

"No one in Britain need have any concern about food supplies at the present time, he said.

"We have reserves enough to meet such a contingency."

According to a Food Ministry official, these reserves need not be drawn on because of the over-running of Denmark, for "arrangements have been made elsewhere to keep the larders full."

Lord Woolton said: "Since before the war the Food Ministry has laid its plans in order that we could meet emergencies, so you need have no fear that food supplies will be seriously interfered with."

"Bacon is in ample supply. We have a very large weekly contract with Canada as well as agreements with Eire and Northern Ireland."

"The picture is also satisfactory in regard to butter. We still have plenty for our needs for some time to come. Large supplies are coming in from Australia and New Zealand."

—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

A Japanese aircraft-carrier arrived here yesterday. Japanese officials declined to divulge the reason for the vessel's arrival.—Our Own Correspondent.

'BUSINESS AS USUAL' FOR DANES ABROAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

THE WATCHWORD OF LOCAL DANES IS "BUSINESS AS USUAL" SAID M. PAUL SCHEEL, DANISH CONSUL-GENERAL, WHEN INTERVIEWED BY THE PRESS. HE ADDED: "THE NATIONALS OF OTHER OCCUPIED COUNTRIES ARE CARRYING ON IN SHANGHAI AND ELSEWHERE AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN."

Meanwhile, gloom prevails among the members of the prosperous Danish and Norwegian communities here.

A prominent Dane stated: "We have existed for a thousand years, and we cannot lose our independence. Let us hope that we will get it back completely some day."

"In the last war, we managed to preserve strict neutrality and we hope to do this in the present war."

Neither the Danish or Norwegian Consuls have received official confirmations of the invasion of their countries by the Germans. Both learned the news through news agency messages.—Havas.

CHUNGKING STUNNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

Politicians were stunned on receiving news of the war between Norway and Germany. The general opinion is that the European war is now entering into a dramatic stage while the Soviet attitude is now considered to be a very important factor.

A high official stated that the Chinese Government has not yet received official confirmation of the European developments and therefore refrained from official comment.—Havas.

WANG IN PEIPING

Shanghai, To-day.

Reports from Peiping state that Wang Ching-wei is busily engaged in visiting and conferring with different "puppet" officials and Japanese civil and military leaders in the northern city.

Rumours from the same source say that the "puppet" officials regard the surprise visit with disfavour.

The real motive of Wang's sudden visit to Peiping remains a mystery.—Our Own Correspondent.

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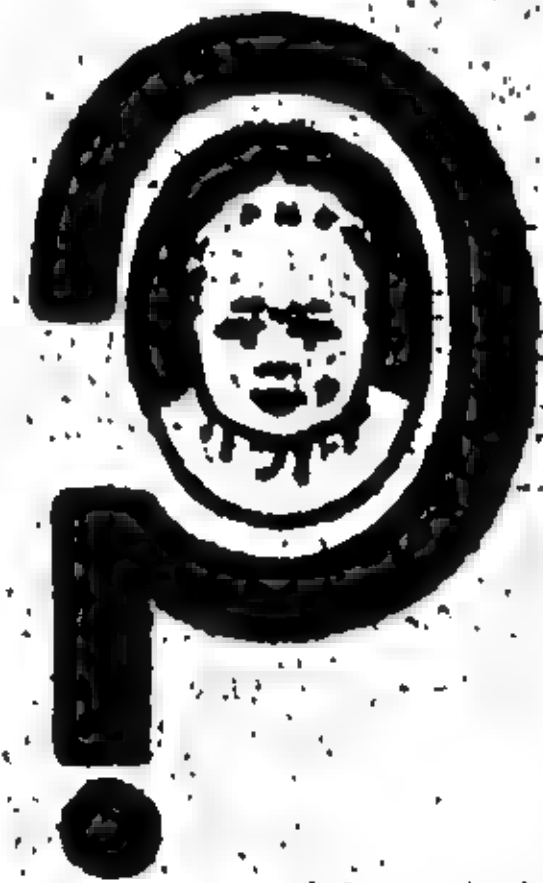
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PORTUGUESE ON CHARGE OF HOUSE BREAKING

AN UNEMPLOYED PORTUGUESE WAS ORDERED TO BE EXPELLED FROM HONG KONG AFTER CONVICTION ON A HOUSEBREAKING CHARGE BY MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING.

He was Thomas Edmundo da Rozario, 30, born in Macao, of no fixed abode, charged with breaking into No. 1, Middle Road with intent to commit felony.

Det.-Sgt. Nolan, prosecuting, said that at 8 p.m. on Sunday Rozario was found inside the house by Pun Che-leung, a student, who summoned Sergeant North, on duty in the vicinity. Defendant gained entry through the main door after breaking the lock with a knife.

Pleading guilty, accused said that he had been here for one and a half years and was hoping to leave for Shanghai, where his parents are, but was short of the passage money.

Rozario was placed on a bond to be of good behaviour for one year.

SWEDISH COMMENT ON ALLIED ACTION

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY. THE "SOCIAL DEMOKRATEN" CONSIDERS IT PSYCHOLOGICALLY COMPREHENSIBLE THAT GERMANY'S REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT SIMILAR ACTION BY THE OTHER SIDE.

It is also true that the English laying of mines was harmless for the Norwegians, whereas the Germans' ruthless methods consist of attacking cargo steamers.

Furthermore, Sweden must not forget that Germany recently laid mines in Swedish waters in a manner seriously inconveniencing neutral shipping.—Reuter.

WENT BACK TO SHANGHAI QUICKLY

A summons against Mrs. Nina Koekebakker, "of No. 28, Ashley Road," was adjourned sine die by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., when defendant failed to appear this morning.

She was summoned for failing to report her arrival by the s.s. King Yuan from Shanghai.

Sergeant J. Hill said defendant returned to Shanghai after the summons was taken out.

PRINCE EDWARD RD. THEFT

Mrs. Larcinia, of No. 350, Prince Edward Road, has reported the theft of a wrist watch from her residence yesterday. Her amah admitted two unknown Chinese into the house to repair the water pipes, and the watch was missed after the men had left.

POLICE OFFICER'S CAR BORROWED

A car belonging to Sergeant Youe, of Yaumatl Police Station, taken from outside No. 39, Yuen Chow yesterday, was recovered during the night.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-13/16.

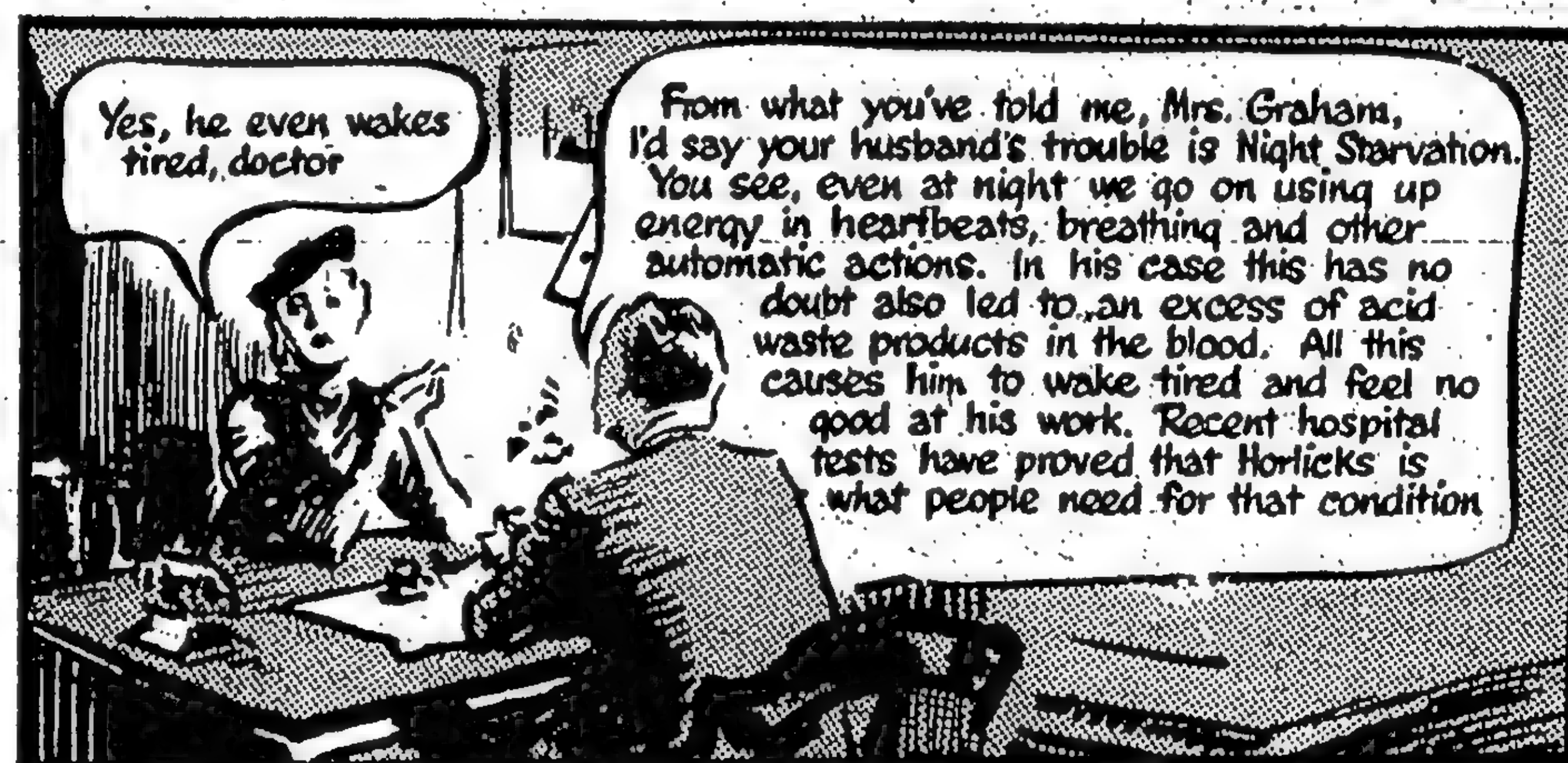
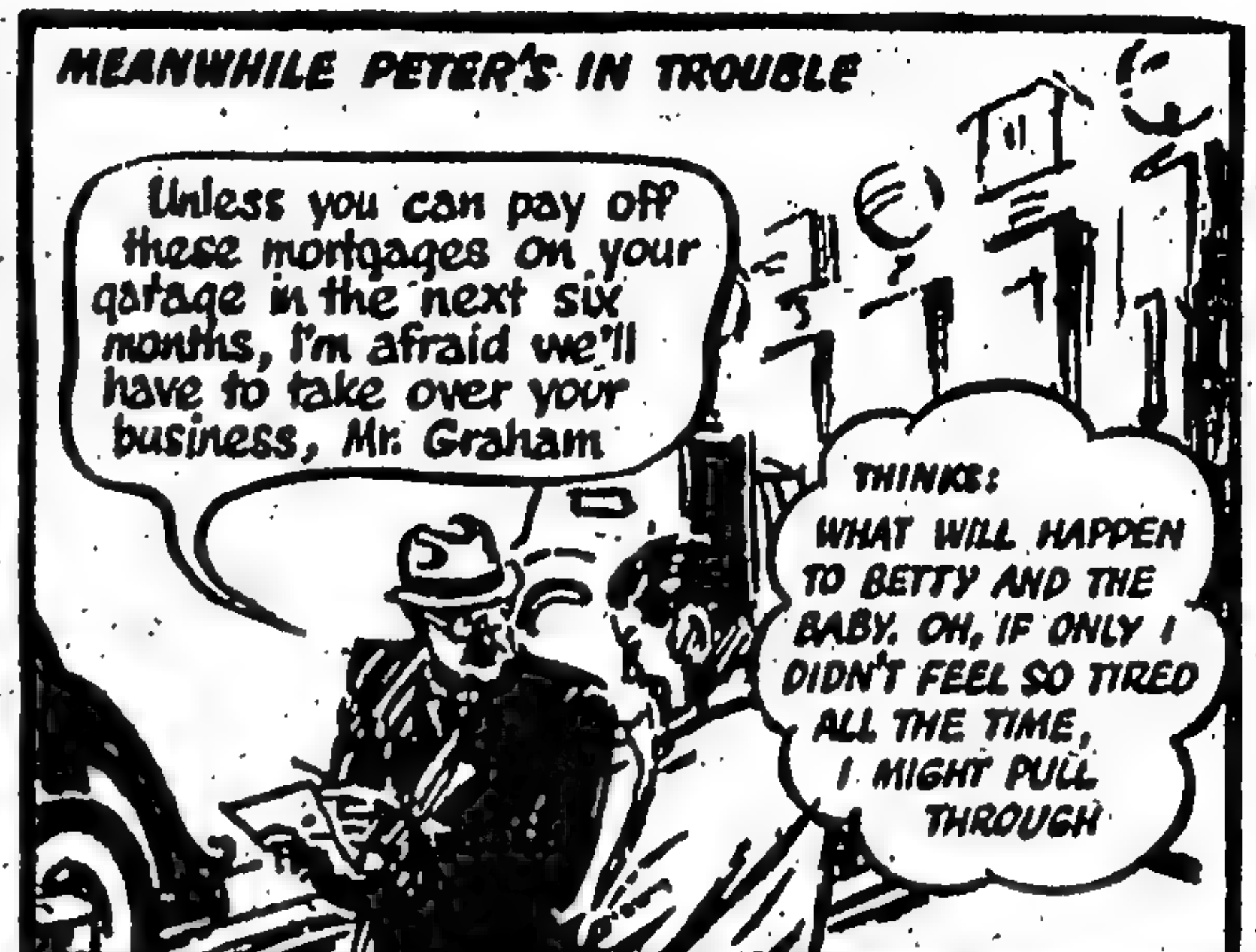
Silver was quoted at 20-1/2 spot and forward.

The cross rate London/New York was £—U.S.\$402.50 and New York London £—U.S.\$346-1/8.

A dog owned by Dr. Durran, of May Road, was sent to Kennedy Town for observation, after it had bitten a Dairy Farm cow, Cheng Po, yesterday.



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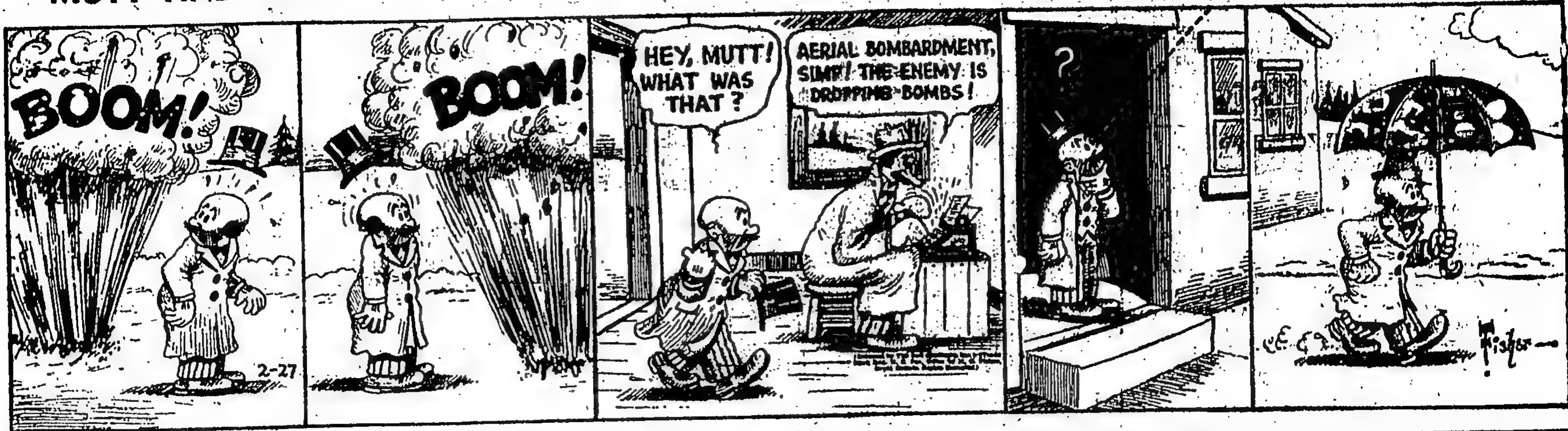
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12.30 p.m.—Latest Dance Music & Variety.
Quickstep—The Organ Grinders Grinds—All Day; Waltz—All Through A Glass of Champagne (C. B. Cochran's Show "Lights Up")....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Vocal—'I'll Remember (Rich-Connelly); I'm Sending a Letter to Santa Claus....Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton & Some of His Boys.
Fox-Trot—Fare Thee Well; Goodnight, Children, Everywhere....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Vocal—Most Gentlemen Don't Like Love (Cole Porter); My Heart Belongs to Daddy (Cole Porter)....Pat Kirkwood with Jack Hylton & Some of His Boys.
Swing Fox-Trot—That Da Da Strain....Muggsy Spanier & His Ragtime Band.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—The London Palladium Orchestra and Herbert Groh (Tenor).
Vivienne (Finck); Longing (Haydn Wood)....The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Cream.
Love Song—Once there were two Children (Becke-Knorr)....Herbert Groh (Tenor).

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A Birthday Serenade (Lincke); The Valley of the Poppies (Ancliffe)....The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Cream.
Sunshine in Spring (film 'The Voice of the Heart'); Let My Love Fill Your Heart (film 'The Voice of the Heart')....Herbert Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Marche Symphonique (Savino); Japanese Carnival (de Basque)....The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Cream.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety with George Scott-Wood, Baldwin & Howard, Len Fills, & Others.
Piano-Accordion—Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life (Herbert)....George Scott-Wood (with Vocal Refrain).
Vocal—My Heart Will Be Dancing (film 'The Lilac Domino')....June Knight (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Piano Duet—Piano-Time Melodies. Intro: China Boy; You're in Kentucky Sure as You're Born; Shook of Araby; Japanese Sandman; Bye Bye Blues; Who's Sorry Now....Baldwin & Howard (with String Bass and Drums).
Orch.—Archibald Joyce Waltz Medley. Intro: Passing of Salome; A thousand Kisses; When the birds began to sing; Dreaming; Song d'Automne.
Piano-Accordion—'The Big Broadcast of 1939' Selection....George Scott-Wood assisted by Guitar, Bass & Drums.
Orch.—Charles Ancliffe Waltz Medley. Intro: Nights of Gladness; Shy Glances; Smiles; then Kisses; Temptation....Vivienne Scott-Wood.
Banjo Solo—Three Little Words (from 'Check and Double Check'); Guitar Solo—The World is Waiting for the Sunrise (Seltz)....Len Fills with Piano.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Variety with Roy Fox & His Orchestra, Greta Keller & Others.
Fox-Trot—Little Old Lady; In The Mission by the Sea....Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Penny Dennis.
Vocal—You Leave Me Breathless (from 'Cocoanut Grove')....Greta Keller with Orchestra.
Orch.—W. Organ—'Sally, Irene and Mary'—Selection: 'Swing, Teacher, Swing'—Selection....Anton & the Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London, and Al Bollington at the Organ.
Piano—F. Trot Medley. Intro: Shadows on the Moon; Somebody's thinking of you & I; Please be kind....Billy Thorburn with drums.
Vocal Duet—Tricky Little Tune (McGill); A More or Less Volga Boat Song (McGill)....Major & Minor w. Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—I Know Now (film 'The Singing Marine'); Yours and Mine (film 'Broadway Melody of 1938')....Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal by Penny Dennis.
Vocal—My Fine Feathered Friends (from 'You're a Sweetheart')....Greta Keller with Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—You (film 'The Great Ziegfeld'); A Pretty Girl is like a Melody (film 'The Great Ziegfeld')....Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal by Penny Dennis.
Vocal—I'll Stand By (Davis & Coots)....Les Allen & His Canadian Bachelors with Novelty accomp.; Dear Little Boy of Mine (Brennan & Ball)....Les Allen with Sidney Torch at the Organ.
Piano—Quickstep Medley. Intro: If I didn't care; A New moon and an Old serenade; The pretty little Quaker Girl; Summer Sweetheart; Wishing; My first Goodnight....Billy Thorburn with drums.
6.52 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.55 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orchestra. At the Tchaikovsky Fountain—Fantasia (Urbach); Simple Ave (Thorne); Spring Song (Mendelssohn); Suite Orientale (Poppy); Dream—Waltz (Millocker); Maidens of Baden—Waltz (Komzak).
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.05 p.m.—The Hile Hawaiian Orchestra.

Along Miami Shore (Warren-Snodgrass). Honolulu Sweetheart of Mine (Davis Stanley).
Honolulu Moon—Waltz (Lawrence). Hawaiian Dreams—Waltz (Marple).
8.15 p.m.—Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) and Beaton Promenade Orchestra.
Polonaise Militaire in A Major (Chopin, orchestrated by Glazounov); Waltz (from 'The Sleeping Beauty' Ballet—Tchaikovsky)....Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.
Try to Forget (film 'The Cat and the Fiddle')....Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Song of India (from 'Sadko'—Rimsky-Korsakov); Intermezzo (from 'Cavalleria Rusticana'—Mascagni)....Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.
Dream Lover (film 'The Love Parade'); March of the Grenadiers (film 'The Love Parade')....Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) with Orchestra & Male Quartet.
Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2 (Rachmaninoff)....Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—'Some Great Authors'—6: Ruskin. The sixth of a series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J.
9.05 p.m.—Ravel—Introduction and Allegro for Harp with Strings and Woodwind Accompaniment. Virtuoso String Quartet with J. Cockerill, R. Murchie and C. Draper.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—Talk on 'The British Empire in War and After' recorded by The Rt. Hon. Lord Snell, C.B.E.
9.45 p.m.—Marches of Sousa. Hands Across the Sea....The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
Marching with Sousa. Intro: Stars and Stripes; Fairest of the Fair; The Gladiator March; Liberty Bell March; Washington Post; King Cotton; El Capitán; Manhattan Beach....Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
Semper Fidelis March....The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
10.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Shenanigans (film 'Outside of Paradise'); A Shave in The Back of the Hills....Horace Heidt & His Alemite Brigadiers.
Waltz—Little Anne....Jungherr's Accordion Melodians.
Fox-Trot—Chicken Reel; Phil The Fluter's Ball....Ronnie Munro & His Orch.
Quickstep—Hunkadola (from 'George White's Scandals'); Fox-Trot—According to the Moonlight (from George White's 'Scandals')....Harry Rosenthal & His Orchestra.
Waltzes—Say That You Will Not Forget (film 'Lullaby'); Sweet Mary Rose....Bernhard Ette & His Dance Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—The Jester; The Tea Dolls' Parade....Bravour Dance Orchestra.
Tango—Love Has Entered My Heart; Farewell, My Love....Robert Renard Dance Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Ostrich Walk; Riverboat Shuffle....Frankie Trumbauer & His Orch.
Fox-Trot—I Can't Remember Her Name; Waltz—'Tis Better to Have Loved and Lost....Henry Jacques & His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Who Made Little Boy Blue; Have a Little Dream on Me....Jack Jackson & His Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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There are a great many different safety plays, but the essential feature is always the same. The safety play is designed to ensure against some possible bad break. In other words, the Declarer is taking out insurance by losing a trick; but is rewarded by the knowledge that his contract is safe. Here is a typical example:

North Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K Q 4	♥ A K	♦ J 7 6 3	♣ A Q 5 3
♠ A 9 3	♥ 8 5 4	♦ N	♣ 8 7 6 3
♠ 8 7 6 3	♥ W	♦ S	♣ K J 10 9
♠ J 10 5	♥ Q J 10 7 8	♦ K Q 8 8	♣

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Against four hearts West opened the diamond Ace and continued. South won, then played dummy's two top trumps. Being afraid that West could trump a diamond, Declarer decided to play the Ace of clubs, then trump a club. This of course stopped West's ruff. Now South had to use up his last two hearts in order to exhaust trumps. Next he played the diamond Ace and returned a club (a club inc.)

had been discarded from dummy). East then ran three club tricks and the contract was set two.
South's anxiety to draw his opponents' trumps was responsible for his defeat. After cashing dummy's two trumps he should have played a spade. Then if by some chance East held the Ace, he could return a diamond and give his partner a ruff. This would prevent South from scoring an over-trick, but we think it would be well worth while since the four-heart contract would then be absolutely safe.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and held:

♠ 9 x x x
♥ A x x
♦ x x
♣ A 10 x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Maier	Schenken	You
Pass	1♠	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid two clubs (subsequently raise spades to three). You are too weak to force with three spades, too strong to bid two spades. Score: 100% for two clubs, 80% for two spades, 40% for three spades.

QUESTION NO. 380

Howard Schenken is your partner and you hold:

♠ K Q 9 8 x
♥ x x x
♦ x x x
♣ x x

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maier	You
Pass	2♥	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)



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CRICKET NOTES

POLICE FAVOURED FOR JUNIOR CRICKET TITLE

MATTHEWS' FINE EFFORT AGAINST CLUB DE RECREIO

(By "ADREM")

FOLLOWING NO FEWER than three blank Saturday's, Cricket resumed on Saturday with a League match in either division. Little interest remained in the First Division match but in Second Division, I.R.C. won one of their two remaining fixtures to take the head of the table.

On Sunday, however, Police, for whom B. C. Fay turned out for the first time this season, also secured a win at the expense of R.A.F. and are now joint leaders.

As matters now stand I am inclined to favour Police for the title, provided Fay plays in their last match against Craigengower, on Saturday.

They have proved to be fairly well-balanced, although their batting has not always been too reliable.

At the moment, Recreio, with a game in hand, are one point behind I.R.C. and Police but they have yet to play I.R.C. and the greatly-improved Army team. It seems rather a tall order for them to secure maximum points from both these matches.

A draw between I.R.C. and Recreio will leave Police and Recreio with 16 points with a match in hand and all will then depend on Recreio's match with Army, and the Police match with Craigengower. A most interesting situation.

ABBAS'S HAT-TRICK

There was never very much doubt on Saturday that I.R.C. would win. Lawrence and Stone made a great effort for the Civil Servants but Abbas was in deadly form and C.S.C. were all out for 95.

Abbas, in performing the hat-trick, was the first bowler to accomplish the feat in either division of the League and is to be heartily congratulated.

I.R.C. knocked off the runs for the loss of only three wickets, K. M. Rum-jahn batting soundly for 51 not out.

As a result of Recreio fooling around somewhat with their batting order, they were tumbled out for only 99 by the lowly-placed University. L. G. Gosano again proved his worth as an opening bat and top-scored with 31, while H. A. Barros showed that Second Division is not his only stamping ground to make a more than useful 30.

Matthews tried hard for University and his 27 against the finest bowling and fielding side in the Colony was something to be proud of. Apart from 13 by N. Singh, however, he received little support and the side were out for 63, E. L. Gosano, Ozorio and L. G. Gosano sharing the wickets.

In the only other match of the day H.K.C.C. had little difficulty against a sadly-depleted K.C.C. team and won by 69 runs. John Pearce, Haymes and Alec Pearce made most of the runs for the Island team, while F. J. Lay, E. F. Fincher and A. Zimmer were the only double-figure scorers for K.C.C.

Fay bowled brilliantly for Craigengower and was almost impossible to get away. His final analysis was 5 for 18 in 10 overs, six of which were maidens.



LAWN BOWLS SEASON TO START MAY 4

The first meeting of the council of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association was held yesterday, presided over by Sir Atholl MacGregor, the vice president.

As 28 teams had entered for the different divisions of the League it was decided that the first and second division consist of 10 teams and the third of eight. Kowloon Cricket Club and Civil Service Cricket Club Juniors are to be promoted to second division.

The question of the nomination of Interport sub-committees was deferred to a future date.

V. Chittenden, Sir Atholl MacGregor and B. E. Maughen were appointed members of a sub-committee for the revision of the bye laws of the Association.

The League will commence on May 4.

The President (Mr. G. S. Archbutt), and Messrs. A. Hyde-Lay, A. W. Grimmitt, E. Sousa V. Chittenden and the Hon. Secretary were elected to form a special competition committee.

THE REST TEAM

STRONG BATTING BUT BOWLING UNIMPRESSIVE

(By "ADREM")

ANNOUNCEMENT OF The Rest team to meet the Champions on Saturday provided one or two shocks. It is of course recognised that this team is rarely representative of the best players among the rest of the League but nevertheless it is usually composed of the best players from each club.

In the absence of Major Grose—he has just been promoted—it followed that Fortescue would be included, although personally I would rate Ernie Zimmer, the Craigengower skipper, as a better wicket-keeper and batsman.

ABSENTEES

Notable absentees from the team, in addition to E. Zimmer, are F. R. Zimmer, P. J. Billimoria, Major Grose, Capt. Skipwith, H. L. Ozorio and A. H. Mader, although naturally all of these players could not also be included.

GRAPHIC GOLF



SHOTS IN HEAVY GRASS

BY BEST BALL

It would be impossible to compute the number of times the average golfer fails in his efforts to get the ball off the ground when playing from the rough. All too often the ball will dart forward along the ground, rolling a few yards and stop. Possibly this is due to the stance and the swing.

Provided the golfer follows a certain procedure in executing this shot there is every reason to look for success. For instance let the golfer hold his hands slightly ahead of the ball at address, opening the clubface and the clubhead will return to the ball in this fashion. The open face, increasing the loft, will raise the ball. An upright swing such as illustrated above, is best for this shot. The clubface will travel a minimum distance through the grass and contact the ball at a sharper angle.

Next Article.—Overcoming Head Raising.

LEAGUE TENNIS ENTRIES

Following has been received from the Hon. Tennis League Secretary.

"Those Secretaries of Club wishing to enter for any or all divisions of the Lawn Tennis League are reminded that entries must reach the Hon. League Secretary, Mr. C. J. Tacchi, Water Works Dept., P.W.D., on or before Monday next.

"Attention is also drawn to Rule 4 of the League rules. "A least one week before the commencement of the League season every Club participating in the League shall register with the League Secretary the names of four players as the members of every team entered in the A, B. and C. Divisions. Such registered players will not be allowed during the season to play in any lower division than that for which they are entered.

"The League is due to commence on May 14."

CHINESE BADMINTON SUCCESSES

Shanghai, March 30. — William Fung and Hou Shu-Chi made a clean sweep of both the men's doubles championship and the International Whalley Shield Badminton series last night in the final day of the championship meeting.

The two St. John's students first took to the court to down the veteran combination of Meise and Berents 15-11, 17-14, then a few minutes later stepped onto the court as China's representatives to defeat the English pair of Flood and Bobe easily. Their victories were the first registered by Chinese players in local badminton championship history.

Third championship of the meet went to Mrs. Sinclair and Lionel Kew of the Union Church who gained the Mixed Doubles title in a thrilling, three-set battle against Mrs. Burton and Meise, 12-15, 15-0, 17-15. — "China Press."

A. G. Meise regained the Singles title which he lost to Henry Eardley, now in Hong Kong, the previous year.



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LADIES' HOCKEY TRIAL

Probable Team To Meet Senior Champions

FINAL SELECTIONS TO BE MADE ON FRIDAY

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

WITH A VIEW TO SELECTING a team to represent the Rest against the Caer Clark Cup champions, "Y" Ladies, on Saturday, a practice game was held on Central British Association ground yesterday.

Despite the absence of all the Central British School players, who were engaged in the physical training at display school, and some of the other teams' outstanding members, a "probable" team was nominated. It is understood, however, that final selection will remain in the hands of the various team captains, who will meet on Friday. There will be no further trial.

No fewer than 23 players were given opportunities yesterday, C.B.A. having nine, St. Andrew's seven, Recreio six and H.K. Ladies only one. They were divided into two teams—Colours and Whites. The game resulted in a draw, two goals, both scored in the first half through Miss F. Wong for the Colours and Miss I. Woolley for the Whites, being shared.

MISS HALL IN FORM

Miss June Hall, in goal for Whites, maintained all her promise although she made a few mistakes by using her stick instead of her foot to clear. She was, however, in better form than Colours' custodian, Miss C. Silva, who though she tried hard was not reliable.

Mrs. M. Mackay and Miss M. da Roza, both in front of Miss Hall, were not as much in the picture as Miss G. White and Mrs. M. White, who played very well.

In the intermediate line, Miss I. Woolley, though not worked to any great extent, was very safe in her usual pivotal position and was rarely at fault. Her performance was eminently satisfactory and she only played in one half and left her position to Miss J. Wong on the resumption. The latter who occupied the same position for Colours in the first half, was also in sound form. None of the other halves on view yesterday, showed much promise, although they played well enough.

As far as the forward lines were concerned, Colours were far superior to Whites and were best served by Miss F. Wong and Miss M. Smalley. They both revealed sound stickwork a good turns of speed.

Colours:—Miss C. Silva (Rec.); Miss G. White (St. Andrew's) and Mrs. M. White (C.B.A.); Miss A. Remedios (Rec.), Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's) (first half)—Miss D. Moss (C.B.A.) (second half)—and Miss M. Silva (Rec.); Miss F. Wong (St. Andrew's), Miss H. Reid (St. Andrew's), Miss M. Smalley (H.K. "L"), Miss P. Baxter (C.B.A.) and Miss L. Rodrigues (Rec.).

Whites:—Miss J. Hall (St. Andrew's); Mrs. M. Mackay (C.B.A.) and Miss M. da Roza; Miss B. Greaves (St. Andrew's), Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A.) (first half)—Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's) (second half)—and Miss A. Smith (C.B.A.); Miss E. Hunt (C.B.A.), Mrs. M. Quick (C.B.A.), Miss L. Figuerido (Rec.) and Miss C. Remedios (Rec.).

COLONY CHESS

Following matches in the Colony Chess Championship were played last week:—D. E. de Carvalho beat B. S. Litvin; K. Weiss beat V. V. Kalatchoff; E. Zimmern beat A. Biriukoff; K. M. A. Barnett beat L. Blair (twice); A. Biriukoff beat A. Kurrik; A. Kurrik drew with Sir H. Pollock.

THE STANDINGS

The positions of the players, follow:—		
	P. W. D. L. Pts.	
E. Zimmern	10 0 1 9	
K. M. A. Barnett	10 8 0 2 8	
Sir H. Pollock	10 5 3 2 6½	
K. Weiss	10 6 1 3 6½	
B. S. Litvin	10 6 0 4 6	
D. E. de Carvalho	10 5 1 4 5½	
A. Kurrik	10 3 2 5 4	
A. Biriukoff	10 2 2 6 3	
L. Blair	10 1 0 9 1	
V. V. Kalatchoff	10 0 1 9 ½	

PROBABLE TEAM

Following is the "Probable" team:—
Miss J. Hall (St. Andrew's);
Miss G. White (St. Andrew's) and
Mrs. M. White (C.B.A.);
Miss S. Rousseau (C.B.S.),
Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A.) and
Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's) or
Mrs. L. Silva (Rec.);
Miss Marr (H.K. "L"),
Miss F. Wong (St. Andrew's),
Mrs. P. Bliss (St. Andrew's),
Miss M. Shand (C.B.S.) and
Miss H. Reid (St. Andrew's) or
Miss C. Remedios (Rec.).

TSUI IN FINE FORM

(By "ADREM")

Although Leung Ping-chiu played well enough yesterday, he was never in the picture against the Colony tennis champion, Tsui Wai-pui, and lost his singles tie at H.K.C.C. in straight sets, the scores being 6-3, 6-2.

Leung's best shot yesterday was a forehand drive which did not lack power but was, rarely deep enough. His ground strokes as a whole were reliable but Tsui's irresistible form gave him no chance. The champion had an answer for his best strokes and revealed uncanny control at all times.

M. Pagh, who has been showing consistently good form this season, entered the semi-final of the Club handicap singles, when he beat G. C. Burnett. Pagh appears to be a safe bet for both the Club singles events.

OTHER RESULTS

Handicap Singles	
P. Pagh (-30.3) beat G. C. Burnett (-15)	5-7, 7-5, 6-4.
Handicap Mixed Doubles	
Surg.-Lt.-Cdr. C. B. and Mrs. Nicholson beat Lt. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill	6-2, 5-7, 6-4.
Club Championship	
D. M. Macdougall beat J. J. Ferguson	6-3, 6-3.

OLIVEIRA AND MISS SILVA FADE OUT

Last semi-final in the Colony badminton championships was decided last night at Taikoo, when K. I. Yong and Miss Ulian Khoo entered the final of the mixed doubles event at the expense of M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva by scores of 15-10, 11-15, 15-4.

Despite their long association, the losers showed little understanding last night.

Main factor in the University pairs' win was the fine form of Miss Khoo, who gave one of her finest displays this season.

Oliveira played his usual hard-hitting game, working strenuously and being more than a match for Yong, who showed his recently acquired penchant for making errors, but Miss Silva took a long time to settle down and actually at no time did she look happy.

The first two games were closely-contested, but the Recreio pair faded right out of the picture in the final, completely belying the promise of a stern fight envisaged by their really fine recovery in the second game.

DATES FOR FINALS FIXED

At a meeting of the badminton championships sub-committee held yesterday, it was decided to hold the finals of the Colony badminton championships on Monday, April 22 and Wednesday, April 24.

The two men's singles matches will be played at Club de Recreio on April 22 at 8.30 p.m., and the mixed doubles and men's doubles finals at the Kowloon Cricket Club on April 22, at the same time.

The finalists in these events are: Senior singles: C. Au v. P. H. Wong. Junior singles: N. Smith v. W. Gillies. Mixed Doubles: K. L. Yong and Miss U. Khoo v. P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung. Men's doubles: K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew v. Au and P. H. Wong. Admission charges on both evenings will be 40 cents, and it is hoped to wind up the current season on the night of the doubles finals with the presentation of League and championship trophies.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

OPEN DOUBLES	
Wong Fuk-nam and Lam Kwan v. J. B. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios (B); E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson (Stand Court).	
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	
R. G. Biesel, Jr. v. B. C. Fay (7).	
HANDICAP DOUBLES	
N. D. Lloyd and W. R. Lambert (acr.) v. R. C. Beavan and A. K. Mackenzie (-1.6) (2).	
HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES	
B. O'M. Deane and Miss D. Eardley, or V. R. Gordon Mrs. Ralph v. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (3).	

C.C.C. TEAM

Following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a 2nd Division League Match against the Police R.C. on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m., on the Police ground:—
B. E. Draine (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Emall, A. B. Hansen, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, W. K. Way and J. L. Young Saye.
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The Kyrie	1500
Peak Tram Station	1400
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Nitarheda)	707
Mainland	Feet.
Tai Mo Shan	6124
Kowloon Peak	1874

DENMARK'S PLIGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

"DESPITE THE TERRIBLE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION THE COUNTRY REMAINS CALM AND THE GOVERNMENT IS IN PERMANENT SESSION TO FACE ANY EVENTUALITY," THE SWEDISH RADIO ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT, GIVING AN EXCELLENT SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION.

In outward calm and with complete discipline, measures are being taken to ensure the country's security.

All Swedish ships in Scandinavian ports or bound for them have been ordered to interrupt the voyage. — Havas.

BRITISH NAVAL INTERVENTION

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using their much-loved method of hinting that Germany's military dispositions hold out unknown possibilities to other countries, but no indication whatsoever is given as to further developments. — Havas.

Sweden Not Expected To Yield

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The invasion of Denmark has placed the rich southern coast of Sweden under the threat of German guns, but Sweden most probably would not yield without resisting to the limit of her forces.

Sweden possesses important military strength and Allied aid would not fail her.

The Swedish army is well trained, is one of the best equipped in

PRESS MEN ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO DUTCH NEWS-MEN IN BERLIN, DANISH AND NORWEGIAN PRESS CORRESPONDENTS WERE URGENTLY SUMMONED AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING BY THE PROPAGANDA MINISTRY TO THE KAISERHOF HOTEL FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY PRESS CONFERENCE.

When all the journalists had gathered there they were informed that their countries had been taken under the Reich's protection and that they were being interned.

Not one of them has been seen since. — Havas.

INDIAN SEAMAN MISSES HIS SHIP

Sharkh Wooroo, 50, was sent to the House of Detention by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when charged with being a vagrant.

Sergeant Taylor said that defendant arrived in the Colony on April 5. His boat, the s.s. Halljorg, left the following day, and defendant missed it.

Europe and is 400,000 strong. The coastal batteries are especially good and war material manufactured in Sweden, notably the famous Bofors machinegun and anti-aircraft gun, has been adopted by the world's major armies.

Sweden's northern frontier is well fortified and the country could meet an eventual Russian threat.

The Fleet, however, is not up to date and the Swedes probably would experience difficulties on the sea. — Havas.

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Montreal, To-day.

Canadians "in enormous numbers" have offered to cross the Atlantic to defend Norway, declared the Norwegian Consul-General, M. Steen. He added that pending instructions from the Norwegian Government no action would be taken. — Reuter.

Important additions to the Emergency Powers vested in the Hong Kong Government were notified in a "Hong Kong Government Gazette Extraordinary," issued this afternoon.

Under the new Regulations, the Government is now empowered to direct that ships or aircraft of any nation shall not leave the Colony until permitted to do so.

Such force as may appear to be reasonably necessary to secure compliance with this regulation may be used to enforce the regulation.

Censorship of news relating to the prosecution of the war has also been drastically tightened up.

It is now an offence under the Emergency Regulations to obtain, record, communicate, publish or have in possession any information regarding:

1.—The number, description, armament, equipment, disposition, movement or condition of any of His Majesty's forces, vessels or aircraft;
2.—Any operations or projected operations of any of H.M. forces, vessels or ships;

3.—Any measure for the defence or fortification of any place on behalf of His Majesty;

4.—The number, description or location of any prisoners of war;

5.—Munitions of war;

6.—Any other matter whatsoever, information as to which would be directly or indirectly useful to the enemy.

It is a violation of the regulations now to associate or communicate with any person who may even be believed to be engaged in assisting the enemy.

Additional regulations are also gazetted regarding Sabotage. Amongst other things, sabotage is defined as impeding or impairing the efficiency of any essential service, or of impairing the usefulness of any works, structure or premises used or intended to be used in His Majesty's service or in the performance of essential services.

Any person guilty of sabotage will be liable to 14 years' imprisonment or a \$10,000 fine.

Government is now empowered to order the prevention of entry of unauthorised persons in any premises, and any area in the Colony may be declared a protected area;

The Governor is empowered to order the stopping up or diversion of any highway, and may prohibit or restrict the exercise of any right of way or the use of any waterway.

Complete power is vested in the Governor to control all shipping registered in the Colony. Ships may be ordered to remain in Colonial waters under certain provisions of the new Regulations, or may be ordered to alter their structure or external appearance, or be equipped with specified apparatus or contrivances.

The first ships affected under the new powers granted to Government, the "China Mail" understands, are four Danish ships now in Hong Kong.

It is reported that one of them, the "Peter Maersk," was refused clearance papers this morning. No official confirmation can be obtained.

Stockholm, To-day.

According to the newspaper "Jaentlands Tidningen" important developments are expected at Trondheim. It is believed British warships will try to force a passage into the port. A report from Oslo shows that German warplanes played a big part in over-awing the city, troops landed being comparatively few. — Reuter.

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

NORWAY IS PREPARING TO NEGOTIATE WITH GERMANY, ACCORDING TO A DESPATCH FROM THE NORWEGIAN PRESS AGENCY.

The Norwegian Parliament met last night in the small town of Elverum, east of Hamar, and approved proposals from the Government to nominate a committee of three "with the aim of negotiating an agreement with the German authorities in conformity with the objectives elaborated by the Prime Minister."

The committee members are M. Lykke and M. Mowinkel (both ex-Premiers) and M. Sundby.

The Prime Minister, M. Nygaardsvold, said: "I am sure the people desire what we desire. If this is so we can hope that the disaster which has struck us will have a happy conclusion." — Reuter.

London, To-day.

Rome radio quotes a Stockholm despatch saying a German destroyer has entered Stockholm harbour badly damaged. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

According to the Rome radio telephone communication between Oslo and Stockholm was restored early this morning. — Reuter.

New York, To-day.

The "Herald-Tribune" in a Washington despatch quotes authoritative circles as saying that high officials of the U.S. Government are shocked by the German invasion. They are ready to cut the red tape which is holding up Allied orders for £250,000,000 of planes. Officials are working on a plan to release the newest planes which is likely to be put into effect this week. — Reuter.

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